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THE TIMES TOMORROW

It's always raining, the clubhouse is rotten and usually no more than five of the players turn up. Alan Franks, dropped from the team, watches from the sidelines of the Modern Three cricket tomorrow as the Old Boys play footer, taking into the world of Howard Rapkin, legendary captain of the Old Belknapians - bottom of the Devonian league and without a win in 10 seasons.

On the Books Page, Michael Ratcliffe reviews Rousseau as a young man, Fiona MacCarthy looks at women's bodies, Nicholas Shakespeare considers first novels and Brian Alderson examines children's picture books.

US orders Cubans to leave

Two members of Cuba's mission to the United Nations were ordered to leave the United States after being accused of "hostile intelligence activities" in the New York area.

Senior Ricardo Salup-Canto, a third secretary, and Senior Joaquin Rodobaldo Penton-Cejas, an attaché, were given 24 hours to contest the expulsion order.

Benn's battles in three areas

Mr Wedgwood Benn's search for a new parliamentary seat will spread over three Bristol constituencies next month. After his expected failure in Bristol, South, he will face selection fights in Bristol, East, and Kingswood.

Papusoiu to go

Mr Stanca Papusoiu, the Romanian whose deportation from Britain last month led to widespread protests, has been ordered to leave Austria.

No appeal

The Court of Appeal refused leave for Paul Vickers, the surgeon who possessed a disabled and mentally ill wife, to appeal against his conviction in November, 1981, for murder.

Kremlin conflict

Reports circulating in Moscow that factional struggles are persisting in the Kremlin have been reinforced by the failure of Mr Konstantin Chernenko, Party's Central Committee, to attend a key Politburo meeting.

Fire verdict

A verdict of manslaughter was recorded on a brother-in-law of Mr Michael Foot, Mr James Cochrane-Haighett, aged 74, who died after a fire at his Devon farmhouse.

'Scrap BNO'

Esso has called for the abolition of the state-owned British National Oil Corporation and BP and Shell favour a review of its role as North Sea oil price-setter.

Petrol doubt

American experience suggested that many motorists would be unhappy with unskipped lower octane petrol. A leading supplier of lead additives said, announcing it would continue to oppose the proposed ban.

Aberdeen final

Aberdeen reached the final of the European Cup Winners Cup in Göteborg next month, despite losing 1-0 to Waterscheide, in their semi-final second leg match in Belgium last night. Aberdeen won the first leg 5-1.

Special Reports today take a look at the world tea industry and report on the mood in Hongkong as Britain and China discuss the colony's future.

Leader page 15. Letters: On BL, from Mr G H Cattell; Services and unemployment, from Mr K D Jamieson, and others. Leading articles: After the Beirut bomb; resumption of Madrid conference; TUC and Labour Party. Features, pages 12, 13, 14. Why servicemen should be allowed to sue; Bernard Levin makes a personal prayer; no carve-up for the SDP. Wednesday page: the foxhunters who begged a Tory; keeping cancer in perspective. Ordinary, page 16. Mr Jamie Sepsters:

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British Steel cash 'to modernize' US mills

By Bailey Morris and Edward Townsend

British money would be used to modernize ageing American plants as part of a proposed joint venture with the British Steel Corporation. Congressional investigators were told by US Steel's chairman yesterday.

Mr David Roderick urged Congressmen to support the controversial venture which he said was in the vital interest of both companies. "British Steel needs a market and can invest in a mill to ensure one US Steel needs capital - both up front and from joint venture profits - to modernize our steelmaking and finishing facilities at our plants across the country," Mr Roderick said.

American duo likely to win Sotheby's

By Geraldine Norman. Sale Room Correspondent. Mr Marshall Cogan and Mr Stephen Swid, the American duo bidding for Sotheby's, the auctioneers, are likely to win control unless a higher bid is made in the next two weeks.

Mr Gordon Brunton, the chairman of Sotheby's, said yesterday that he had also heard that the Americans now owned 50 per cent of the company. This was denied, however, by Mr Swid, a director of the American company General Felt Industries/Knoll International. "We are not saying that we have a majority of the stock, but we do expect that by May 4 we will own over 50 per cent."

Death toll grows as rescuers comb Beirut wreckage

From Robert Fisk. Beirut. Red Cross workers digging through the ruins of the American Embassy in Beirut broke through to the crushed cafeteria section of the building yesterday afternoon and found another five bodies embedded in the masonry, bringing the total number of dead in Monday's bombing to forty-seven - and with the prospect of even this grim figure moving far higher.

The 'Famous Five' are reduced to three

Ford and Rippon swept out by new broom

By John Witherow



Ousted: Anna Ford at home with her daughter Clare after being told of her dismissal.

The "Famous Five" of TV-am's commercial breakfast television show became the "Famous Three" yesterday with the dismissal of two of the star presenters, Anna Ford and Angela Rippon.

Miss Ford was called into see Mr Aitken yesterday morning and was handed a letter stating she had been dismissed. "It said my contract had been terminated for a particular reason and I've given it to my solicitor to see what he says," Miss Ford, who is 39, said.

Mr Michael Parkinson, who with his wife Mary, hosts the weekend Good Morning Britain show, said last night that Miss Ford and Miss Rippon had been "ousted" and that he was reconsidering his own future with the company. "I've been reconsidering my future ever since Peter Jay was sacked," he said.

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Maggie May or may not choose June

By Julian Haviland and Anthony Bevins

The Prime Minister last night continued her tantalizing tease about the timing of the next election, with a reference to the song Maggie May.

She told the annual dinner of the Confederation of British Industry, at the Hilton Hotel in London, that some people were talking of the end of the Parliament, "a little prematurely, I think."

Rank Xerox to cut 1,100 more jobs

By John Witherow

The Rank Xerox company has announced it will be axing a further 1,100 jobs from its plant in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire over the next two years.

Thousands of jobs are expected to disappear over the next four years in a radical reorganization of Central Electricity Generating Board management, it was disclosed yesterday.

BL hope of deal by Friday

By Clifford Webb

There was guarded optimism on both sides last night that although hard bargaining still lay ahead, the three-week strike at BL's Cowley assembly plant could end on Friday, when the men hold their next mass meeting.

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Mr John Reid, embassy press officer: Hurt in blast. British Embassy - like its American opposite number - stands unpleasantly exposed on the Mediterranean Boulevard in West Beirut, flanked by a small but busy roadway.

Although cars are not permitted to park outside the four-storey building, only one Lebanese policeman, with an automatic rifle, stands guard outside - he can scarcely offer much protection against the sort of determined men who sloughered so many people just down the same road on Monday.

Nationalist fails to get writ for Cardiff issued

BY-ELECTION

A move by Plaid Cymru, the Welsh nationalist party, to force the Government immediately to issue the writ for a by-election in Cardiff, North-West, held by the late Mr Michael Roberts, Under Secretary of State for Wales, was rejected by the Commons.

Monday deemed it appropriate to inform the Press Gallery that there would not be a by-election there. Deliberately or accidentally (he continued) the electors and parties have been led a merry dance by the Government's shilly shallying on this election and it is time for the uncertainty to be stopped.



Wiggley: Electors being led a merry dance.

On November 26 by the late Mr Speaker Lloyd to the then Prime Minister, was that the motion for a by-election writ should normally be moved within three months of a vacancy arising. In this case that period would not lapse for three more weeks.

Foot says Labour is ready for general election

PM'S QUESTIONS

Prolonged Conservative laughter greeted Mr Michael Foot's assertion during Prime Minister's questions that Labour was happy to have a general election at any time.

Mr Foot if Mrs Thatcher is now going to join the Chancellor in favour of a cut and run election it will make excellent news throughout the country because we are happy to have it. (Loud and prolonged Conservative laughter).

Coldest wind blows across fens

UNEMPLOYMENT

East Anglia had long been neglected, Mr Kenneth Weech, Opposition spokesman, said in opening a Commons debate on the effects of Government policies on the region.

records. New technology had been welcomed and not resisted. All Labour's policies would harm East Anglia. They would suck agriculture dry through higher rates and taxes. This could only mean higher food prices for those Labour professed to help.

Conservative industrial relations legislation would lead Britain back to the winter of discontent which caused such agony in East Anglia.



MacGregor: East Anglia has done best.

Mr Clement Freud (Isle of Ely, 1) said the pig, poultry and glasshouse industries were in trouble. A fact-finding transport policy was vital to the creation of jobs and prosperity.

Publicity by opticians

An immediate review of the rules for publicity by opticians is being undertaken with a view to laying proposals for changes of the rules before the General Optical Council on June 23.

Director General of Fair Trading had identified. Dr Vaughan said he was giving attention to the restrictions on competition, particularly in relation to the NBS register.

Checking up on students as doctors

HEALTH SERVICE

Final year medical students are allowed to cover restricted duties when their seniors are on leave but any allegations that the proper arrangements are not being followed would be investigated.

stop this practice once and for all? Mr Clarke: There are very clear arrangements under which to encourage health authorities to cooperate with the private sector.

Edgaston, C): The existence of the private sector is of great benefit also to the NHS. It is a fact that would be infinitely further down the queue if a substantial number of people did not choose to use their own money, on which they pay tax, towards their own health care.

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Private nuclear stations possible

ENERGY BILL

Fears about the prospect of privately owned nuclear power stations in the United Kingdom were unfounded in the light of the system of licensing and protection which existed to ensure safe nuclear power, the Earl of Avon, Under Secretary of State for Energy, told the House of Lords during the committee stage of the Energy Bill.

The Earl of Avon said the clause introduced a new consent procedure for private nuclear stations and strengthened the existing requirements which allowed private power stations whose output was mainly for the operator's own use to be established without such consent.

The Government believed the freedom of the private sector should be allowed to give rise to nuclear as well as with conventional power stations.

Further talks on a closer partnership

Short: Not partnership but robbery.

Official Labour Party pledges and the pledges of Mr Tony Benn (Bristol, South-East, Lab) on the health service were acts of vandalism, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during question time exchanges.

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New cures for crime considered

Home Affairs Correspondent

Experiments in compensation paid by criminals and conciliation between them and their victims are being supported by Mr William Whitlaw, the Home Secretary, as part of a switch in criminal justice policy.

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Farming in Britain: 3

Good cheer from a 'grain baron'

To say that there is no such person as a poor farmer in Britain is absurd. But equally there are many who enjoy a wealthy and privileged existence, only a handful of whom are prepared to admit it.

Mr Oliver Walston is a 'grain baron' and makes no secret of his prosperity. He farms 3,000 acres of high quality land in Cambridgeshire and, as a broadcaster on Anglia Television and a contributor to farming magazines, he delights in infuriating his fellow farmers by telling them how rich they are and how grateful they should be.

man, for instance. But he cannot be unhappy about yields and prices. In the last 10 years yields of all crops from the Walstons' land have doubled, culminating in last year's "fantastic" harvest. Sugar beet, for example, which had previously averaged 10 or 11 tonnes an acre, and in some years as little as 6 or 7 tonnes, rose to an astonishing 22 tonnes.

Computer-aided breath tests

Self-check system aids police

Breath-testing devices to be used in police stations next month as part of changes in the law on drinking and driving were officially introduced by the Home Office yesterday.

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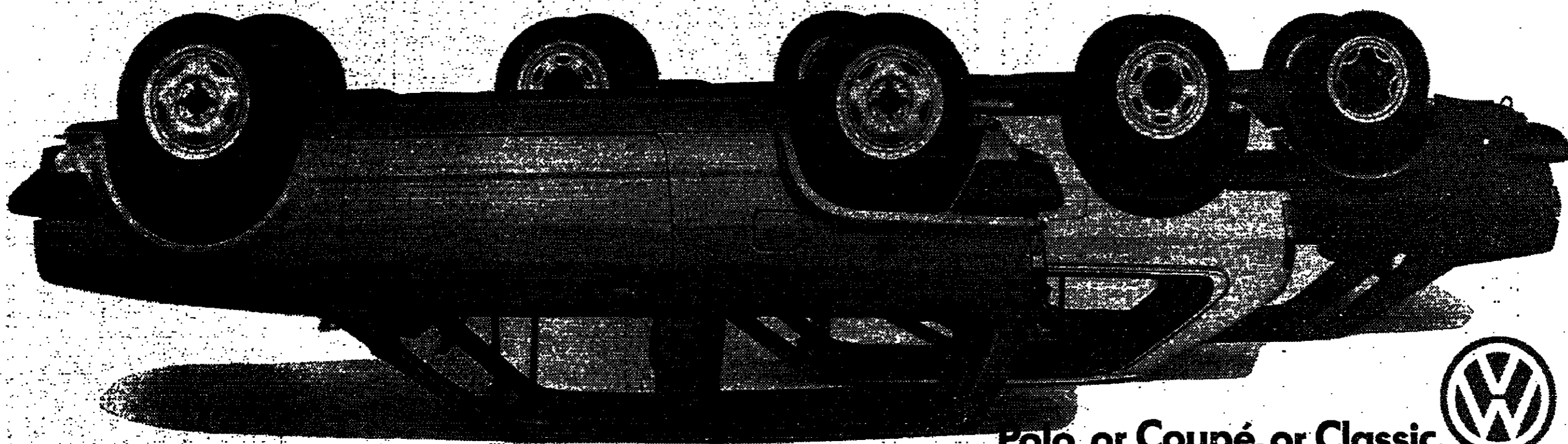
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Polo. It's a tough choice.

Faced with its record of durability, reliability and safety, the choice between other small cars and the Volkswagen Polo is easy. Faced with the alternatives of a square-backed Polo, the Classic with a boot, or the new Coupé, choosing between Polos is much tougher.



Polo, or Coupé, or Classic.

Kohl cools tension over death of tourist on East German border

From Michael Blayon, Bonn

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Government was at pains yesterday not to exacerbate the sharp deterioration in relations with East Germany which has resulted from the death of a West German traveller to Berlin during questioning by East German border guards.

One such opponent, Herr Franz Josef Strauss, Prime Minister of Bavaria, called it a "case of murder" and said evidence pointed to serious mistreatment of Herr Burkert by the border guards. "These are the interrogation methods of Barbie," he said. Other members of his Christian Social Union have questioned the proposed Honecker visit. Most papers, however, have sharply criticized Herr Strauss's stand, suggesting that Dr Kohl's more measured reaction politically wise.

East German television gave a long account of the incident on Monday, saying Herr Burkert, a 45-year-old publican, stopped illegally at a motorway area on the way to Berlin and gave 3,000 marks to an East German citizen there. During questioning later he suffered an acute heart attack, slipped from a chair and hit his head.



Walesa held for third time in week

Mr Lech Walesa, the former Solidarity leader, was interrogated by Polish authorities yesterday for the third time in a week, this time about the alleged disappearance of several million zloties from the union account in Wroclaw, a former bastion of support for the underground, Roger Boyes writes.

Papusoiu ordered to leave Austria

Mr Stancu Papusoiu, the young Romanian whose deportation from Britain last month led to widespread protests, has now been ordered out of Austria (Our Vienna Correspondent writes).

Sir Harold in Moscow

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Wilson 'Trots' baffle Russians

Sir Harold Wilson returned to the international stage in Moscow yesterday to calm the troubled state of Anglo-Soviet relations and baffle the Russians with a series of deeply felt attacks on "Trots".

He said the recent deterioration in Anglo-Soviet relations after tit-for-tat expulsions was regrettable, and he hoped they would not affect the broad sweep of relations between the two countries.

He was speaking at the exclusive, well-guarded Soviet Government guest house just off the broad sweep of Aleksei Kosygin Avenue, on the Lenin Hills, in which he has often stayed on previous visits.

Russians expel Briton

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

Mr Edward Chick, a 27-year-old Briton, was expelled from the Soviet Union on Monday for "spreading hostile materials on the instructions of an anti-Soviet émigré organization," Tass reported yesterday.

No sign of Israelis softening terms for troop withdrawal

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

In a gesture of defiance against the extremists who devastated the American Embassy in Beirut, the thirty-first round of the bipartite talks aimed at securing the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon opened precisely on schedule yesterday in the Israeli resort of Netanya.

There was also little sign last night that Israel is prepared to soften its position over the proposed security arrangements for the buffer zone which will extend about 30 miles north of its border.

Rome clears its mayor

Rome (Reuters) - Rome's communist mayor and two party colleagues were cleared of wrongdoing by a Rome magistrate investigating the alleged embezzlement of public funds.

Police break up Korean protest

Seoul - Helmeted police using tear gas and jeeps broke up a demonstration by about 800 students protesting against the alleged lack of democracy in South Korea on the anniversary of the 1960 student uprising that toppled President Syngman Rhee, Jacqueline Reid writes.

Uganda official found murdered

Kampala (Reuters) - The bullet-riddled body of Mr Rajah Lunaya, an official of Uganda's opposition Democratic Party, was found by a roadside three days after he was taken from his home by men in police uniforms, the newspaper *Munro* said.

French likely to cancel South Africa rugby tour

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French rugby team's proposed tour of South Africa this summer seems likely to be cancelled, despite the unanimous decision yesterday by the rugby federation's management committee that the tour should go ahead.

Professionals are not to be subject to any restrictions on their sporting contacts with South Africa because, Mme Edwige Avice, president of the rugby federation, said in an individual capacity, and not as representatives of France, and because the Government believed it would be wrong to interfere with their right to work.

McCartney loses suit on paternity

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

A West Berlin family court has ordered Mr Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, to pay a monthly sum of 705 Deutschmarks (£150) to a 20-year-old Berlin woman who says she is his illegitimate daughter.

Agar Khan's gift

Dar es Salaam (AFP) - The Aga Khan, whose Ismaili community here has 15 million followers, has pledged to give Tanzania \$60m (about £40m) to help rehabilitate tourist hotels and factories run by its Industrial Promotion Services.

Crowd fired on

Delhi (Reuters) - Police opened fire to break up a stone-throwing crowd yesterday in the Marxist-ruled state of Tripura in eastern India. Five people were wounded during the incident in the state capital of Agartala.

Bombs kill 3

Valencia (AFP) - A police lieutenant was killed when a bomb placed under his car exploded. In a separate incident, two people were killed when a bomb went off apparently inside their car.

Correction

The Nationalist Party boycott of the Maltese Parliament, mentioned in a report on April 11, ended on March 29.

Cleric tells of beatings and torture

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Methodist minister who jumped bail in South Africa, and fled to Britain, said yesterday that he had thereby saved several friends of his from prison.



Meeting the press: Mr Mayson (left) and Canon Paul Oestreicher, international secretary of the British Council of Churches. Photograph: Harry Kerr.

of the facts alleged in the charges against him, but not the crucial allegation that he was thereby seeking to further the aims of the African National Congress, a treasonable offence. He had helped people leave the country illegally, and he had literature in his possession he should not have had.

He was handcuffed with my hands behind my back," he said. "It was a very difficult experience. Then I was kept awake for several days and nights, with no sleep."

Mr Mayson said he had not been involved in any way with violent activity against the Government, and had originally wanted to stand trial "to defend the Christian witness of peace, harmony and justice".



Kay and Dennis Jelliman are incurable. They're not unhelpable.

Dennis Jelliman came to us some 18 years ago, suffering from multiple sclerosis. Some years later, Kay moved in, also suffering from MS. They met and fell in love. Four years ago they were married from the Hospital. Now they live in a sunny double bedsit in the modern Chatsworth Wing and, although confined to wheelchairs, they visit friends in and out

The Royal Hospital & Home for Incurables. Patrons: HM The Queen and HM The Queen Mother.

Advertisement for The Royal Hospital & Home for Incurables, featuring contact information and a donation form.

Attenborough tour off

Sir Richard Attenborough, director of the award winning film *Gandhi*, will not now be making a promotional tour of South Africa where his film goes out on general release to racially segregated audiences at the end of this week.

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Nkomo ponders future in lonely exile as Zimbabwe celebrates

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Officials of the Zimbabwe High Commission and their guests celebrated the third anniversary of independence at a reception in London this week, without the man who had most right to be there.

Mr Joshua Nkomo, aged 65, sat instead in his rented flat, two miles away across Hyde Park, supposedly planning his return to the country he fled five weeks ago.

Assurances on his safety and on the restoration of the principles of reconciliation and the rule of law which Zimbabwe was founded on were his original conditions for going home.

Now he says he no longer cares about the former and would seem to have grave doubts about the latter. But speculation is nonetheless growing over the imminent return of Mr Nkomo to the land he fought for.

He refused to give interviews last week before Zimbabwe's independence day, pointing out that these at such a time were the prerogative of Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister and his old political enemy.

But he was quoted by Newsweek as accusing Mr Mugabe of pursuing a policy of "terrorism and destruction" to suppress opposition to one-party rule.

He said: "A referendum has got to be conducted in an atmosphere that would result in a free and fair decision by the people. The terrorism and destruction that has gone on in Zimbabwe has not created that atmosphere."

There had been an attempt in Zimbabwe to use the problem created by dissidents for other purposes. Such as the implementation of one-party politics.

"The Government knows it cannot be done by persuasion so it has to be done by force. In order to deploy the Army certain acts must happen in certain areas and those acts must be attributed to dissidents."

"Everyone seems to forget that these so-called dissidents have concentrated their actions against us, against the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu), he said.

One of his objectives while in Britain has been to find other ways of bringing pressure to bear on the Harare Government, since Mr Mugabe's rejection of the protest by Zimbabwe's Roman Catholic bishops.

People living there need to be given hope, according to Zapu sources. They need to be assured that their cause is being heard. By giving them such hope the prospect of civil war in the country can be ended.

Mr Nkomo is said to feel cheated by the Harare Government's one-party policy,

especially after he had done everything possible to persuade his own Zapu supporters, often against their better judgment, to cooperate with their old Zapu opponents.

Mr Tiny Rowland, the Lomro chief who backed Mr Nkomo as an old friend on the latter's arrival in this country, is now said to have withdrawn his support. Mr Nkomo must feel that the day is now approaching when he has to decide whether to return or resign himself to lonely exile.

Then it will be Mr Mugabe and his followers who will have to decide whether to proceed against the grand old man of Central African nationalism or whether once more to bridge the political gap between them. Neither man can pretend for much longer that the problem will simply go away.

HARARE Zimbabwe's main opposition party has again opened a rift under the threat of banning for allegedly supporting anti-government guerrillas operating in the Western province of Masvingo, Stephen Taylor writes.

Mr Mugabe said that officials of the Patriotic Front party had been directly aiding armed dissidents.

He said: "If the trend towards subversion continues, I can assure my Government will not hesitate to proscribe the party."



Top advice. Mr Igor Andropov, son of the Soviet Party leader, chats to his delegation chief Mr Anatoly Kovalyov, before the Madrid conference starts.

Security delegates deny reports of split

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Chief delegates of West Germany and the United States attempted here yesterday to dispel reports of a split in the Western position as the conference on security and co-operation in Europe reconvened after a brief spring recess.

Speaking on behalf of the 10 members of the EEC, Herr Jorg Kasl, the West German ambassador, said that the latest proposal for a final document, submitted last month by neutral

and non-aligned nations, constituted a valuable effort, although members did not think the proposal in its actual form was completely satisfactory and further improvements were still needed in certain areas.

He assured fellow delegates at this 35-nation Helsinki Review conference that the Ten would be flexible and ready to use all available procedures appropriate to bring about satisfactory results.

Mr Max Kampelman, the US Ambassador, who according to unofficial reports was holding out for a tougher position on the proposed final document than were West Germany and other member countries of the Nato insisted at a meeting with journalists after the closed-door plenary session that he found very little difference among Western nations regarding the proposed document known as RM-39.

Commons outraged Canadian budget leaked on TV

From John Best, Ottawa

Opposition spokesmen in the Canadian House of Commons yesterday demanded the resignation of Mr Marc Lalonde, the Liberal Finance Minister, after an unprecedented budget leak.

The Budget, Mr Lalonde's first since he was appointed last September, was due to be presented in the Commons last night.

At a pre-budget "photo-opportunity" session in the minister's office on Monday, a television cameraman filmed several pages of the French text of Mr Lalonde's speech.

They turned out to be key parts of the budget presentation, and showed the Government projecting a \$Can 31,200m (£16,200m) deficit for the fiscal year 1983-84, compared with a deficit of between \$Can 23,000m and \$Can 27,000m for the year just ended.

The film clips also showed government plans to spend \$Can 4,600m for job creation for the coming year.

The photo-opportunity session is traditionally held to allow informal pictures of the finance minister in advance of his budget speech.

Mr Lalonde, in this case, made the occasion more realistic by actually skimming through parts of the budget as the cameras whirred, apparently not realizing that at least one camera was picking up the fine print.

Mr Erik Nielson, the Con-

servative Opposition leader in the Commons, quickly demanded Mr Lalonde's resignation. He said the leak was so enormous that the finance minister had no recourse but to resign.

"There has never been a breach of such magnitude in Canadian history", Mr Nielson said.

Mr Nelson Riis, finance critic of the New Democratic Party, also demanded the minister's resignation, saying that the credibility of the whole Budget had been put in question.

In the British tradition, budgets here are supposed to be kept entirely secret until their unveiling, as speculators could move to take advantage of advance knowledge of their contents.

Mr Lalonde's office was still refusing yesterday morning to comment on the demands that he resign, but a spokesman for Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Prime Minister, said he did not expect Mr Lalonde to step down.

The leak was not without irony, in that Mr Lalonde had taken extraordinary precautions this year to ensure that he would not be scooped by the media on his own budget.

Normally, reporters are allowed to leave the locked room where they prepare stories on the budget in advance of its presentation, at 8pm, when the minister starts speaking. This year, they were being kept in until Mr Lalonde finishes.

Prem's job seems safe for 4 years

Bangkok (Reuters) - General Prem Tinsulanonda seems assured of a further term as prime minister because none of the political parties achieved a clear majority in the general election yesterday.

Even the Kukrit Pramoj, the leader of the Social Action Party which won the biggest number of seats, has said that General Prem should stay.

General Prem succeeded his one-time mentor, General Kriangsak Chomanan early in 1980, and has since survived an abortive coup and crises mounted by infighting in the outgoing coalition Government.

A former army chief, General Prem owes his unique position to personal integrity and to Thailand's complex politics in which civilians and the military share equal administrative and legislative powers. He has carefully guarded his reputation and stands aloof from government and business affairs which could compromise it.

While he regularly attends ceremonies and public functions sponsored by the Thai royal family to show his loyalty, he avoids private parties and other social activities.

He was born on August 26, 1920, in the provincial capital of Songkhla in southern Thailand into a middle-class family and commissioned into the Army as a sub-lieutenant in 1941. He had his first taste of combat in a brief border war with the French forces in Indo-China shortly afterwards. Unlike most politically ambitious generals, he spent all 36 years of his career in the field.

As Prime Minister he has displayed little personal knowledge of economic and administrative problems preferring to leave the day-to-day running of the administration to bureaucrats.

Leading the ruling coalition as a compromise choice, General Prem has often deliberately distanced himself from disputes and conflicts involving his two main coalition partners - the Social Action and the Thai National parties.

Thousands still held in Vietnam

By Richard Dowden

Vietnam is still holding several thousand people in "reeducation camps" because of the positions they held in the previous South Vietnamese Government, according to Amnesty International.

The human rights organization said that some of those detained are former policemen, soldiers or administrators who were arrested after the communist takeover in 1975 and others had been arrested since then for their religious or political beliefs or for trying to emigrate illegally. Amnesty urged yesterday that they be released or brought to trial quickly.

There is no overall figure for the number of those detained, last year Mr Nguyen Co Thach, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, was quoted as saying that some 16,000 people were being held in reeducation camps.

Nor are there details of conditions in the camps, but Amnesty said it was concerned at reports that large numbers of prisoners suffer from malaria, tuberculosis and diseases related to malnutrition. It was also concerned at reports that prisoners in some camps relied partly or wholly on food and medicine provided by their families.

Emigrants are leaving Vietnam at the rate of more than 1,000 a month under the orderly departure programme according to Mr Paul Harding, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The programme began in 1979 and Mr Harding said that the number of boat people reported to be leaving Vietnam since then had dropped.

Peking: China accused Vietnam yesterday of being solely responsible for artillery exchanges along their common border and threatened further retaliation if Hanoi did not stop its "provocations", Reuters reports.

The warning, by Qi Huayuan, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, was China's strongest since last weekend when the two countries began exchanging artillery fire and accused each other of starting the violence.

Wettest winter for 50 years devastates Cuba

By Our Foreign Staff

Three months of torrential rain and hurricane force winds have devastated homes, crops and communications in Cuba creating what the national news agency calls an "extremely grave situation".

It has been the wettest winter for 50 years according to the Cubans, who say that the effects of the unseasonal storms which have swept the country since January are worse than the devastation caused by hurricane Flora in 1963 which killed more than 1,000 people and left 100,000 homeless.

In the sugar industry, the country's main export earner, the situation is described as "truly critical" with a loss of more than a million tonnes. Unofficial sources put the loss at two million tonnes, nearly a quarter of the total crop.

Cuba also faces a very serious foreign debt crisis. Creditor banks meeting in Paris yesterday failed to reach agreement with the Central Bank of Cuba on rescheduling some \$200m (about £133m) of short-term debt. Cuba, whose foreign debt amounts to about \$3,200m, is trying to postpone repayment of about \$1,200m. It is likely that Cuba will have to ask the Soviet

Union for emergency assistance.

The Cuban news agency said last week that there had been 80 days of torrential rain, more than five times heavier than usual in some places for the time of year and winds of over 125 mph.

Although there have been few deaths and injuries, thousands of people have had to be evacuated from their homes, and there has been severe flooding destroying roads, bridges, factories and power lines.

On March 16 a tornado hit Muriel near Havana and "crushed huge high voltage towers as if they were paper", the news agency said. It said the estimates for damage were still provisional, but the entire export crop of tobacco, three quarters of the tomato crop and a quarter of the potato crop had been destroyed.

The news agency emphasized that the economic and social programme must be adhered to and exhorted the people to make an exceptional effort. The Government has set up a national working group headed by the vice-president of the National Council to coordinate relief work.

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Chernenko fails to attend Politburo meeting

From Richard Owen, Moscow

The failure of Mr Konstantin Chernenko to appear in a Politburo line-up at a key meeting of the leadership has reinforced reports circulating in Moscow that factional struggles are continuing with in the Kremlin.

Mr Chernenko, who was President Brezhnev's protégé but lost the leadership battle to Mr Yuri Andropov last November, was not among senior Politburo members who attended a Central Committee meeting on agriculture on Monday addressed by Mr Andropov. A report of the meeting on the front page of *Pravda* yesterday listed all 11 other Politburo members.

Mr Chernenko is not known to have been in bad health, and always appears relatively fit, so that illness is being discounted as an explanation. Earlier this month "ill health" was given as the reason for Mr Chernenko's unexpected absence from a conference in east Berlin.

Mr Chernenko initially dropped from view after the party leadership contest nearly six months ago, but has recently reemerged into the limelight. He chaired a Soviet block meeting on ideology in Moscow in mid-March, and appeared on the platform next to Mr Andropov and Mr Nikolity Tikhonov, the Prime Minister at a Kremlin meeting at the end

of March commemorating Karl Marx.

As head of the party's general department, Mr Chernenko has been a channel for the grievances of "Brezhnevites" and other victims of Mr Andropov's drive for greater efficiency and discipline.

In his address to regional party leaders at the Central Committee, Mr Andropov called for new management techniques in agriculture. He praised the efficiency of Russia's small-scale private farming, and urged "agro-industrial" complexes to support and stimulate useful initiatives". Mr Andropov said that in a number of areas full use was not being made of "local resources for improving foodstuff supplies, and here I am speaking particularly about personal household plots".

Private peasant plots account for under 1 per cent of agricultural land in Russia, yet produce nearly a third of the total agricultural output, including fruit, vegetables and meat.

Acknowledgement of private enterprise is ideologically sensitive in the Soviet Union, however, and Mr Andropov appeared to be developing the mildly reformist food programme launched by Mr Brezhnev last May rather than calling for anything more radical.



Griming in the rain: The royal couple still smiling despite their broken-down Rolls-Royce

Royal couple revive their reputation as rainmakers

From Grantia Forbes of the Press Association, Auckland

The Prince and Princess of Wales received a soaking in New Zealand yesterday in weather fit only for ducks.

It was hot and fine last time Prince Charles was here two years ago, but this visit by the royal couple has been dogged by cold, wet conditions. Despite forecasts of better weather, it rained as the Prince and Princess opened Milford School, near Auckland.

The Princess, again wearing her pale yellow woolen dress and matching hat against the

weather, reached for a big black umbrella as soon as she stepped from the royal Rolls-Royce and as the couple started a walkabout through the grounds of the new heating school, which teaches children to be "water wise", they quickly sent for mackintoshes.

Opening the centre, Prince Charles could not resist a reference to the couple's reputation, built up during the tour of Australia and New Zealand, as rain-makers.

He said: "I am not exactly positive whether we brought the rain from Australia or whether it is some of the rain that soaked the Queen in California which has taken six weeks to cross the Pacific."

The weather even had the last word as they were leaving to attend a fire service display when the waiting Rolls-Royce, lent by the Governor General, failed to start because of ignition problems caused by the rain. As the driver, Mr

Fred Page, aged 60, struggled beneath the bonnet, the Prince and Princess delighted the crowds by going for another short walkabout. Finally, a black Daimler had to be used instead.

Prince Charles suffered from food poisoning in Australia and his temperature soared to 104 degrees, according to Mr John Maxwell, a factory foreman, who said the Prince told him of the brief illness when they met yesterday.

Right forces head of Salvadoran defence to resign

San Salvador (NYT) - General José Guillermo García, El Salvador's Minister of Defence, under attack from both American and Salvadoran authorities for his management of the war against a leftwing insurgency, resigned on Monday.

General García had been criticized by the extreme right for his support of the land redistribution programme and the provisional Government that came to power after the election last year.

General Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova, the director of the National Guard, was nominated by the provisional President Alvaro Magaña as Defence Minister.

Considered a political moderate, General Vides Casanova was named guard commander in 1979 in an effort to end the organization's excesses. His appointment as Defence Minister is subject to confirmation by the 60-member Constituent Assembly.

General García was appointed to the military junta formed after the overthrow of General Carlos Humberto Romero in 1979 and is the last member of the group to remain in the Government. He was considered the conservative representative on the junta, but as other, more left-leaning, military members were forced played a role in stabilizing the country's civilian Government.

Last year, he emerged as the crucial government supporter of the land redistribution programme, a project backed by the United States.

His support brought criticism from the far right and there were rumours of a possible coup last autumn. Early this year, as the leftwing guerrillas began to have a series of successes in the countryside, General García became the focus for American as well as Salvadoran frustrations with the course of the war.

These frustrations became public when a little known commander of a north-eastern province refused in January to accept an order transferring him to the Salvadoran Embassy in Uruguay until the Defence Minister resigned.

General García offered his resignation at a meeting attended by other commanders on March 18, but it was not accepted by President Magaña.

According to a political source, President Magaña gave the continuance of American aid as one of the reasons for the continued support of the Defence Minister. The Americans, the source said, then made it clear that the United States supported the institution and not necessarily one man.

This month, however, when Colonel Juan Rafael Bustillo, the Air Force Commander, threatened to mutiny if General García did not resign by last Friday, President Magaña was forced to act. Minutes before Colonel Bustillo's deadline, he received a telephone call from the Presidential House saying that General García would resign on Monday.

Mexico breakthrough eludes Shultz

From Joan Carlin, Mexico City

Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State ended his first day of talks on Central America with Senor Bernardo Sepúlveda, the Mexican Foreign Minister, with plenty of agreement on objectives for the war-torn region but little of substance on means of reaching them.

A US Administration official said in Mexico City on Monday night that both governments wished to see lasting and peaceful solution to the escalating conflicts in Central America, and that they would like to work together for healthy economies and pluralistic political systems in the region.

But when pressed on whether Mr Shultz had got any nearer to overcoming the traditional differences between Mexico and the United States on their visions of the Central American dilemma, the American official had to concede that no breakthrough had been made.

The United States conceives of Central America predominantly as a stage for superpower confrontation, while Mexico sees the region's problems in more local terms, as the product of centuries-old social injustices.

Nevertheless, Senor Sepúlveda said it was urgent that these differences should somehow be reconciled if a lasting peace was to be achieved in Central America. The meetings Senor Sepúlveda and Mr Shultz were due to have yesterday would be crucial in the expeditiously desired wish on both sides for a certain rapprochement on the view of how this could best be done.

Mr Shultz has been so-complimented on his Mexican visit by Mr Donald Regan, the United States Treasury Secretary, who had four hours of talks on Monday with Senor Jesus Silva Herzog, the Mexican Finance Minister, on the prospects for Mexico's battered economy. A United States Treasury spokesman said at the end of his day's talks that they had been favourably impressed with the Mexican Government's analysis of their country's economic predicament.

Mexico, with a foreign debt of \$8,500m (£5,500m), depends on oil exports for more than 70 per cent of its foreign earnings. Financial analysts fear that if the oil price continues to fall, the international banking community, with United States banks on the front line, might be obliged once again to bail out Mexico.

Austrians prepare to vote

Kreisky's popularity will ensure party victory

From David Blow, Vienna

The Austrians have been accustomed to have only two to three per cent unemployment over decades," he says. "Should we wait until we are in the same situation as the Germans or even the British?"

Dr Mock, former diplomat, aged 46, is fighting his first general election since he became leader of the People's Party in 1979. His main attack is levelled against what he sees as the reckless policy of the Social Democrat Government of borrowing and spending its way out of the economic crisis. He says that this has imposed a heavy burden of debt and taxation, but has done little to create jobs.

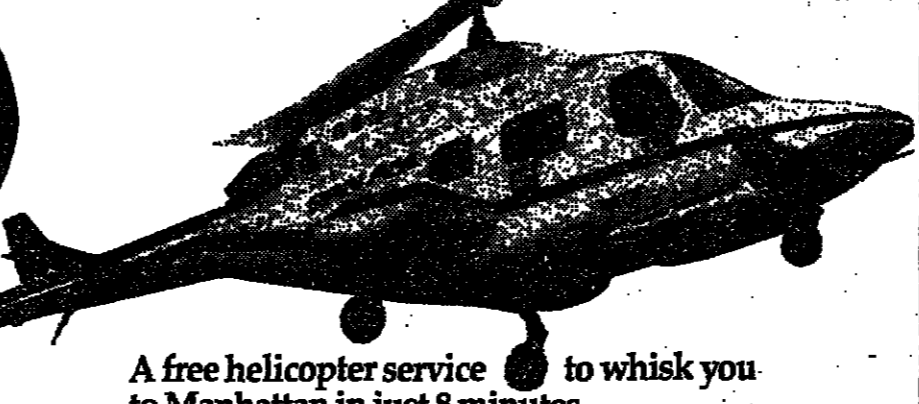
He wants to see much more attention given to Austria's small and medium-sized private enterprises, which provide 80 per cent of jobs, and insists: "If we move about three per cent of expenditure into promoting investment, we can recover full employment in four to five years."

The People's Party, whose traditional colour is a sombre clerical black, has acquired a green tinge in recent years. It strongly supports the 1978 referendum decision against the use of nuclear power in Austria, a decision which Dr Kreisky would like to see reversed. It also tends to adopt something of a "small is beautiful" approach in opposing the more grandiose projects of the Social Democrats, such as the huge new conference centre being built in Vienna.

But in the run-up to the election all the main parties have been at pains to display their "green" credentials. Dr Kreisky's party, the Social Democrats, has a long history of support for the "green" movement, and all-pervasive influence of the two big parties.

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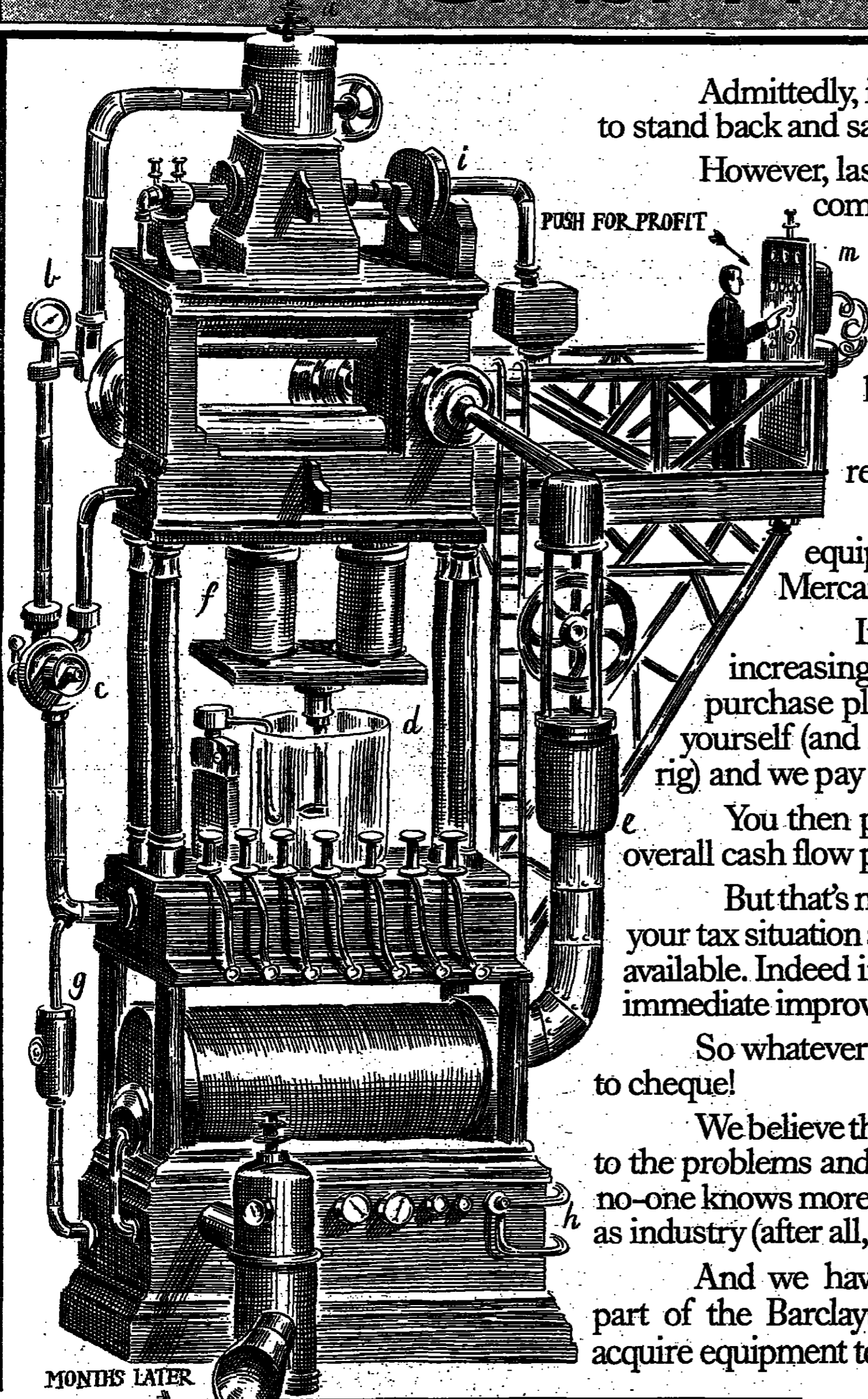
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If we exclude plain tap water, tea accounts for more than half our total liquid consumption. We are by far the largest importers in the world, and only the Irish drink more per head than we do.

That we should have made ourselves so dependent on a totally non-indigenous plant, grown thousands of miles away in tropical Asia and Africa, is extraordinary. But we should, it seems, be grateful, without tea, our addiction might well have taken a more destructive turn. "In the bracing climate of the north," according to an entertaining book published by Thompson, Lloyd and Ewart, the tea brokers, "men will go to almost any lengths to avoid drinking plain water." It points out that in medieval times the monks of Abingdon were entitled to three gallons of beer each, while those at Battle were rationed to a gallon of wine.

If the book's author, P. J. Banyard, is to be believed, the "capricious" behaviour of medieval people may well be explained by their dependence on alcohol. From what we know of 18th century drinking habits, which are more fully chronicled, there is much to be said for his assertion that tea and coffee have provided "an immense service to civilisation."

The supposition nowadays is that we drink them in preference to stronger stimulants because they are cheaper. Were the Chancellor in a moment of aberration to remove all duties on wine, it is said, we would follow the example of the French and the Italians and do terrible damage to our livers.

But history does not support this view. When tea took Britain by storm in the 17th and 18th centuries, it was a very expensive drink; a pound of the cheapest variety would cost a skilled worker about one third of his weekly wage and, until the high duties were repealed in 1784, smuggling was widespread.

Ironically, it is only in recent years, when the cost for most people has been relatively insignificant, that tea drinking in Britain has declined. Between 1967 and 1978 consumption fell by about 20 per cent from over 200,000 tonnes to little more than 160,000 tonnes, although in the last three or four years the trend has been reversed.

The main competition at first was from coffee, with the rapid growth of coffee bars in the late 1950s and early 1960s, belated successors to the 17th century coffee houses which, ironically,

owed their decline to the advent of tea. They proved to be a short lived phenomenon, but the "coffee habit" was retained and strengthened by the ready availability of a wide range of instant brands.

From 1972 onwards, according to Mr Jim Munday, executive director of the Tea Council, consumer preferences, particularly among young people, turned to soft drinks. Since 1978 the council's advertising, primarily on television and in magazines, has been aimed at giving tea a more sophisticated image.

Unlike the clever but short-lived "Join the Tea Set" posters in the 1960s, the campaign appears to have worked. The council's latest annual report says that it has been particularly successful in changing the attitude to tea among young people, especially young housewives. There also appears to be a widespread view, in this health conscious age, that tea is better for you than coffee.

The revival of tea drinking in Britain, together with its growing popularity in the United States, Poland and West Germany, has come not a moment too soon for the industry. During the latter part of last year, according to Mr Alban Davies, the council's chairman, supply and demand were broadly in balance for the first time since 1976.

In that year there was a fall in world production and an outbreak of panic buying, which led to soaring prices and subsequent collapse. This time, he believes, the picture is altogether healthier.

A steady growth in world demand is needed to absorb a similarly steady growth in production; between 1970 and 1981 total exports rose from 651,000 tonnes to 851,000 tonnes. The three giants are still India, China and Sri Lanka (which, interestingly, still calls its product *Ceylon* tea), but other countries are moving up the table fast, notably Kenya and Malawi.

For Third World countries tea is a convenient cash crop, relatively easy to grow and labour intensive. It was this

realization that led to the collapse of the old voluntary quota system in the mid-1950s. Since then fears that supply would outstrip demand have led to protracted talks on an international quota system under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad). So far the talks have made no headway, and there is little optimism about any agreement in the foreseeable future.

The other great change that has overtaken the trade has been the decline in importance of the auction market. The traditional auction is still held every Monday at Sir John Lyon House, in Upper Thames Street, and there are others in Colombo, Calcutta, Cochim, Mombasa, Jakarta and Chungking. Whereas at one time auctions accounted for about half of all British sales, their volume slumped last year alone from 82,000 tonnes to 59,000 tonnes.

High interest rates and producers' increasing reluctance to wait several months for payment have discouraged distributors from carrying large stocks in warehouses. Instead most tea is now bought on contract in the country of origin, and stocks are frequently kept afloat in container ships as being cheaper than storage ashore.

These developments have not been universally welcomed. Mr Jagdish Khattar, director of promotion in the London office of the Tea Board of India, maintains that an increasing proportion of substandard tea is being imported into Britain, and that the overall quality has declined as a result.

Teas are regularly sold under their purported places of origin, such as Ceylon, Assam or Kenya, when in fact they are blends from various sources, he claims. For example, the lovely aromatic Darjeeling tea can, for climatic reasons, be grown only in the foothills of the Himalayas, and production is limited to about 10,000 tonnes a year. Yet Mr Khattar estimates that between three of four times that amount is packed and retailed as Darjeeling.

Under the Trade Description Act packers need only mention in small print that teas are blends from various sources. The Indian Government has formally asked Britain to implement minimum standards for imports, but has had no success to date.

Sterling's recent decline has been bad news for the producer countries since it is historically the currency in which nearly all trade is conducted. But it has certainly helped to boost sales in Britain: Mr Munday is able to claim that a home-made cup of Darjeeling (presumably real Darjeeling) costs less than a cup of instant coffee.

"The greatest growth potential is undoubtedly at the quality end of the market," he says. "Go into supermarkets and you will see shelves full of speciality blends. Tea is becoming trendy again. There is even a shop in Covent Garden which sells nothing else."

Health consciousness also helped sales of tea, and the recession, he admits, "has not done us any harm. Tea has for so long been part of the wallpaper that its virtues tend to have been forgotten. Now it is reclaiming its proper status. Even tea dances are making a comeback."

John Young

CHINA

The art and its name

China, which taught us the art of tea cultivation and gave the drink its name, may well have reemerged as the world's largest producer. Official figures for 1982 of 370,000 tonnes put it second to India; but there is a substantial unrecorded amount of tea grown in small quantities and used locally. Estimates of actual production range from about 620,000 tonnes to nearly one million tonnes.

It is thought that China has about 2.5 million acres of tea fields, roughly 45 per cent of the world's total. These are mainly in the subtropical south-east and centre of the country, in the provinces of Yunnan, Guangxi, Guangdong, Sichuan, Guizhou, Hunan, Hubei, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Anhui, Henan, Jiangsu, Fujian and Shaanxi.

Production is expected to increase by between 3 and 5 per cent a year into the 1990s, mainly to meet domestic demand. According to a Chinese tea delegation which visited the United States last year, 90 per cent of China's population of more than 1,000 million drink tea every day. A



Eric Tye, chief blender at Ty-Phoo, with the tools of his trade. About 25 different teas go into the average packet.

man is likely to put down six to 12 (albeit small) cups and a woman three to eight cups.

Most of this is green tea; of which there are thousands of varieties in China. Of the officially recorded production in 1982, it is estimated that 275,000 tonnes, or nearly 75 per cent, was of green tea. The Chinese delegation said that about 60 per cent of the increased output in the coming years would be in green tea and 40 per cent in black.

However, it is the smaller, black tea production which has caught the attention of the outside world. More than 95 per cent of the world tea trade is in black tea and it is with this type that China has the better chance of earning foreign currency. Its exports of both black and green teas have more than doubled since 1970 and now stand at about 50,000 tonnes each. The black goes mainly to Europe and the United States and the green to other Asian countries and North Africa.

China's growing international importance has aroused fears among the biggest black tea exporters, India, Sri Lanka and Kenya, that they will be ousted from their leading positions by

the "dumping" of vast quantities of cheap Chinese tea on the world market.

These fears are probably exaggerated. First, huge domestic demand will take care of most of the increase in Chinese production. Secondly, as a country which is desperately short of hard currency, China would presumably not wish to engineer a collapse in tea prices.

Britain is the largest overseas market for Chinese tea, followed by the United States and Pakistan, and last year our imports from China jumped by nearly 97 per cent to 11,804 tonnes.

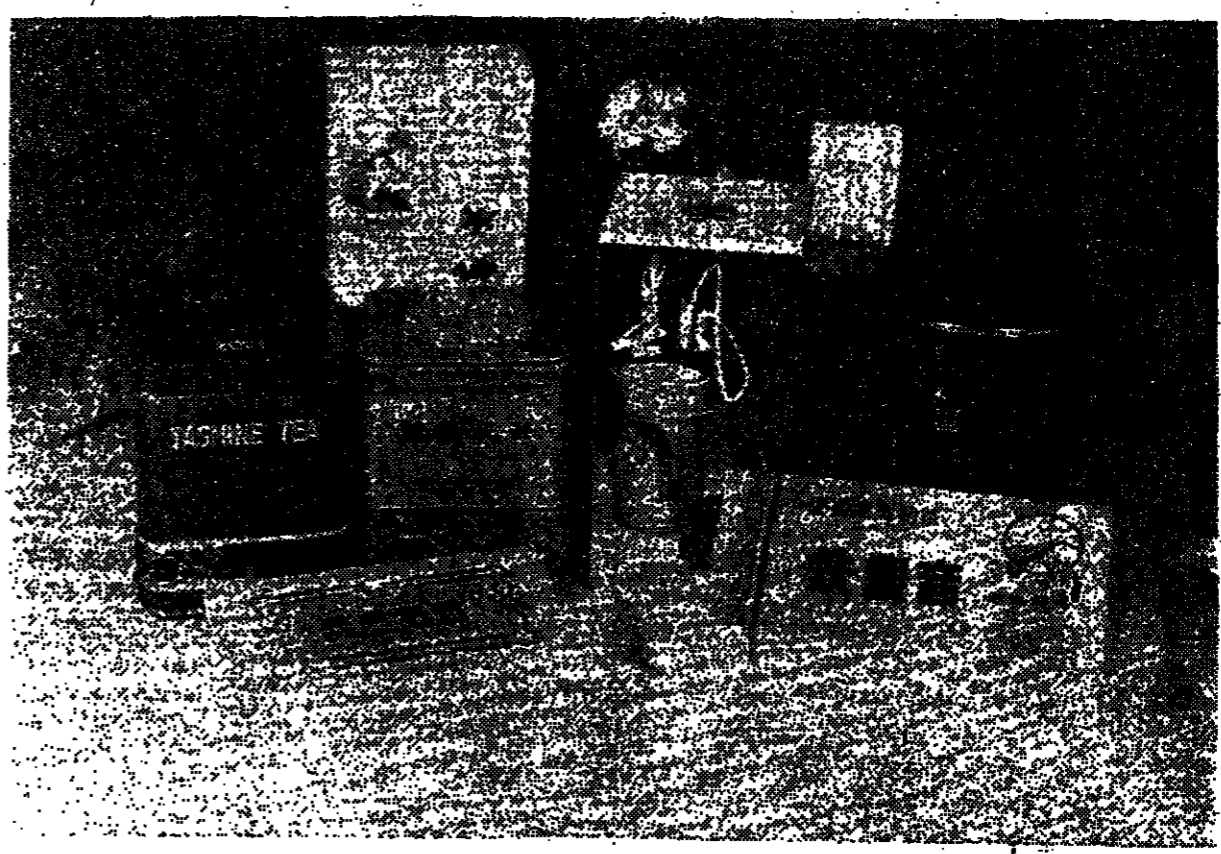
Several factors lie behind this increase. The most important concern changes in production and distribution. First, the Chinese have improved quality by greater use of fertiliser and modern machinery (some of it copied from Western models). Secondly, they are catering increasingly for tea bags - which account for 60 per cent of the British market - by manufacturing tea with small and precisely sized leaves. Thirdly, in the last two years they have switched to shipping their tea in standard

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In addition, China was able to benefit from changes in the international market. In 1981 Britain bought large quantities of cheap Argentine and Mozambique tea for blending. The following year the Falklands war affected supplies of the first, and a dramatic decline in quality, supplies of the second. The Chinese were in a position to fill the gap. According to a leading tea buyer in London, they are likely to hold on to most of the increase in their sales to Britain, despite severe flooding in their tea growing areas this year.

China continues to steer clear of the London auctions, still the most international of the terminal markets, though ceding in volume to Colombo and Calcutta. Some Chinese tea appeared in the auctions in the late 1950s but fetched poor prices. The Chinese have since preferred to sell forward through merchants or direct to the wholesaler, although a negligible amount of tea has been placed in the auction by a third party.

Last August the Chinese sent a delegation to the much smaller, and more local, auction in Singapore but, as with London, have not yet committed their tea to it.

Simon Scott Plummer

INDIA

Fighting to keep its leadership

India's tea industry, based on 8,000 plantations mostly in Assam, Darjeeling and parts of the South Indian hills, is still the largest in the world. But it is having a difficult time and fighting to keep its leadership in an increasingly competitive market.

Its share of the world market is falling and people in the industry see it as going through a period of stagnation. Seven years ago India had a 38.6 per cent slice of world production and 30.1 per cent of the world's exports. Last year these shares had fallen to 30.8 per cent and 23.1 per cent respectively.

In 1980 India produced a record 372 million kg, but in the following year production fell to 361 million kg. It is estimated that it rose slightly to 365 million kg in 1982.

India's performance needs to be seen in relation to world production, which has increased every year since 1970. China's production, for example, went up from 303.75 million kg in 1980 to 342.5 million kg the following year and 370 million kg in 1982.

India regained its position as Britain's largest source of tea in 1982, having lost it to Kenya in 1981. There has been a remarkable rise in Indian tea exports to the Soviet Union, now the biggest customer. Four years ago Britain bought 51 million kg of India tea and the Russians had 40 million kg. Two years ago later Britain's purchase was

down to 39.5 million kg, while the Russians imported 78 million kg.

India's production difficulties are caused partly by what the industry call its "disorganized sector". The "organized sector" runs the large and successful gardens and is increasing its output, but the "disorganized" part of the industry - small businessmen who have entered it in the hope of quick profits and who do not have the skills and knowledge of the traditional growers - are paying a price in falling production for their lack of expertise.

Many of the gardens in Darjeeling, West Bengal, are run by these relative newcomers. Industry sources say that these men do not have the "feel" for tea which the original British planters developed and which has been inherited by those who work for the large tea houses. About three fifths of the industry, especially in Assam and Southern India, are run by the "organized" sector.

Assam produces about 60 per cent of all India's tea and the industry there is obviously a vital one. The eruption of violence this year, which has claimed thousands of lives, has not affected production because many of the plantation workers are from Bihar and Andhra Pradesh and have not been involved in the intransigent disputes among settlers there.

Nevertheless, there is anxiety that tea garden workers could be drawn into the troubles of a volatile state.

Meanwhile, the violence has caused severe transport problems. Many bridges have been burnt and roads have been blocked.

The overall downturn in production is partly the result of drought which has hit output in South India. Producers also point to increasing labour and fertilizer costs, the fall in selling prices, high taxes and export restrictions.

In spite of their financial difficulties, many tea growers feel that an industry so important to India's economy is bound to improve production provided the Government is sympathetic to calls for subsidies and reduction of taxes.

Research is being intensified in the search for better yields, and machinery is being improved gradually. The industry is also seeking to instruct planters, especially in the "disorganized sector", in management skills.

Trevor Fishlock

New Delhi Correspondent

SRI LANKA

Change in image, if not flavour

Colombo retained its position as the world's largest tea auction centre last year but sales amounted to 179.2 million kilos, compared with 198.7 million kilos in 1981. Production was 187.8 million kilos, the lowest since 1965, when the country produced 228.7 million kilos. Figures for the first two months of this year are the lowest for the period since 1959.

WORLD TEA PRODUCTION

(1982 exports in brackets)

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Source: International Tea Committee, London (ITC Estimates have been inserted where figures are not available).

Sri Lanka's tea industry may never recover from the shocks and stresses of nationalization in 1975, when many experienced planters sought employment elsewhere. Large acreages of tea were broken up and entrusted to cooperatives or were taken out of cultivation for the expansion of villages.

Another setback to the tea industry has been the exodus of skilled workers of Indian origin. In 1964 and 1974 the Indian and Sri Lanka Governments signed agreements on the future of about one million workers of Indian origin on the plantations. Sri Lanka would grant citizenship to 375,000 people and India would take back about 625,000, more than half of whom have already gone.

The present and last Sri Lanka Governments have tried to revive the industry, which remains the country's biggest source of foreign exchange, with incentives ranging from generous subsidies for replanting or new planting to special concessions for export in tea bags instead of bulk. However, efforts to improve output and quality have been largely negated by a deterioration in pruning, plucking, soil conservation and fertilizer application.

The Tea Research Institute has pin-pointed inadequate supervision and the shortage of experienced and trained labour as the main causes of poor performance, even in replanted tea acreages. With Sri Lankans taking the place of Indians many estates suffer from absenteeism, and this has also affected the maintenance of proper plucking rounds and the harvesting of leaf.

Despite efforts by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) and meetings between producing countries in recent years, no agreement has been reached on proposals to limit production and regulate exports through quotas. Sri Lanka and India are in favour of such action but the new producers in Africa, which are increasing output, are against.

Fortunately for the industry and the national exchequer, there have been boom prices recently. The average price at auctions this year has been between 30 rupees and 35 rupees per kilo. Last year's Colombo auction average was 18 rupees.

Shortages in other producing countries, the unrest in Assam, where both planters and workers have left, the gradual devaluation of the Sri Lankan rupee, and the steep increases in the costs of other beverages are seen as the main causes of the higher prices, but none of these factors is likely to prove enduring. In his Budget speech last month Mr Ronnie de Mel, Minister of Finance, said it was essential to take the fullest advantage of the prevailing high prices by increasing productivity and improving the quality of Sri Lanka's tea.

The prospects for the tea industry in the immediate

future will be closely linked with oil prices. From 1975 Middle East countries filled the void left by traditional buyers and became the industry's best customers. Iraq was the biggest buyer of Sri Lanka's tea last year, purchasing 28.3 million kilos, followed by Egypt, with 23.4 million kilos.

Britain, which had been Sri Lanka's best customer, was third, with 19.1 million kilos. British purchases from Sri Lanka have fallen by around 75 per cent since 1962, when they were 80.4 million kilos. A complete restructuring of the tea industry has been under consideration by the Government. In keeping with its economic policies, the private sector will once again be brought in to manage the state-owned plantations.

Donovan Moldrich

Colombo Correspondent

EAST AFRICA

Quality begins to pay off

Tea is an important item in the economies of Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Mozambique, Rwanda and Zimbabwe, and between them the East African countries are the largest source of supply for the British market. In Uganda, where tea was an important export until ten years ago, the crop is being slowly restored to its former place in the economy.

The increased popularity of East African teas in Britain is a consequence of their high and consistent quality, coupled with an increasing crop volume. Kenya, in particular, has the added advantage of producing a steady volume of tea throughout the year, with very little seasonal variation.

The large tea estates which formerly supplied all Kenya's production are now complemented by a growing volume of tea from small African farmers, each growing no more than an acre of the crop. Backed by sound advice and supervision, and with a chain of modern tea factories to process their crop, 150,000 farmers last year produced 31,000 tonnes of tea from 55,000 hectares of land. This year they will probably produce 38,000 or 39,000 tonnes.

The rest of Kenya's production, totalling 95,600 tonnes last year and probably more than 100,000 tonnes this year, is grown on large estates operated by such well-known firms as Brooke Bond, James Finlay and George Williamson.

After Kenya, Malawi is the second-largest producer, with more than 30,000 tonnes of tea each year. Mozambique produces around 22,000 tonnes and Tanzania about 16,000 tonnes. In the early 1970s Uganda was producing over 20,000 tonnes a

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year. Present production is a small fraction of that, but Mitchell Cotis, a British firm, is gradually restoring the extensive tea holdings seized from them in 1972 as part of President Idi Amin's "economic war".

Last year, in fact, was a reasonable one for the East African tea producers, who saw world market prices recovering nicely from the depressed levels from the previous four years. Recent London market prices for quality teas have been well above those of a year ago.

Marketing systems vary. Kenyan tea producers, for instance, must contribute 15 per cent of their output to the local market at prices which are fixed well below world levels. This system is understandably unpopular with the growers.

The rest of Kenya's output goes mainly to the Mombasa and London tea auctions, or in private treaty sales to the European continent. Small quantities are also sold these days on the newly-established Singapore auctions, which serve the South-East Asian and Australian markets. Still more is sold elsewhere - auctioned while it is afloat.

The tea industry is undergoing important changes: more and more tea is being shipped from Kenya in containers, which can be moved direct from the big estates to big buyers in Britain at substantial savings in transit time and costs.

With containers, tea can be shipped in paper sacks, instead of in the traditional tea chests. This gives big cash savings, as a paper sack costs less than a third of the cost of a tea chest.

Kenya also exports a small quantity of blended tea in packets to other African markets. The advantage of this trade is that it brings in a higher net return. Tea bags are also manufactured in Kenya, mainly for the local market, and a small quantity of soluble ("instant") tea is also produced, for both the local and export markets.

Important developments are taking place in tea cultivation in Africa. Better husbandry and the selection of improved strains of tea are improving yields. Ten years ago Kenyan estates were happy to get 2,000 kilograms of tea per hectare; now they look for 2,500 kilograms. And individual African farmers, who are able to give the closest of attention to their crop, can get up to 4,000 or 5,000 kilograms per hectare. Perhaps the most outstanding development in tea production has been the use of clonal techniques to reproduce tea, rather than the traditional use of seed. Clonal tea can be more carefully selected to reproduce the best strains, and this system of propagation is being used widely today.

Charles Harrison

Nairobi Correspondent

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Advertisement for the Bangladesh Tea Board, featuring a logo and contact details for 111-113, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhacca-2.

Advertisement for Jiangsu Teas from China, offering products like Taihu Black Tea, Chu Lan Cha, and Jasmine tea, produced and handled by CHINA NATIONAL NATIVE PRODUCE & ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS IMPORT & EXPORT CORPORATION.

Advertisement for Buchanan Butlers Warehousing Services, featuring the slogan 'At your Service' and the BIBWS logo. Contact details are provided for Sir John Lyon House in London.

Advertisement for Dragon teabags, showing various sizes (100, 50, 20) and a cup of tea. The text emphasizes that the teabags are blended from selected black tea and are strong and brisk in taste.

Advertisement for Temple of Heaven China Green Tea, featuring a pagoda illustration and the text 'SPECIAL CHUNMEI CHUNMEI'. It promotes refreshing taste and fragrant aromas, with contact information for CHINA NATIONAL NATIVE PRODUCE & ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION.

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Tourists and brass bands helped Hitler to create detailed plans for an invasion of Ireland, described in the second extract from a new book by Robert Fisk

The Nazis' Irish guidebook

In the summer of 1940, few people outside Ireland could have had a more detailed knowledge of the Irish border than the cartographers of the Wehrmacht's Department for War Maps and Surveys in Berlin. Their *Militär-geographische Angaben über Irland* (*Military Geographical Data on Ireland*) was produced for German invasion troops and contained relief maps and diagrams of the country's military bases, railway system, electrical grids, airfields, factories, gasworks, canals, rivers, mineral deposits, population density and townlands. It was a formidable piece of work, buttressed by an impressive volume of photographs and a 78-page green-covered booklet on Eire and Northern Ireland.

Seventeen pages carried thumb-nail sketches of 233 cities, towns and villages on both sides of the Irish border and one map even outlined in black and grey shading those parts of the island that were Irish-speaking. A mass of tiny illustrations - of aeroplanes, ships, cotton reels, oil lamps and gasometers - were clustered around Belfast, generously symbolizing the Northern Ireland capital's aircraft, shipbuilding and textile industries, its refineries and power plants. "English brutality, which led to a decline in the Irish population, has constantly fed the flames of Irish hatred", the authors of the booklet told their Wehrmacht readers. "Even before the Great War the Ulster people, English in their attitude, directed their attacks against the fanatical struggle for independence of the Catholic Irish in the Home Rule movement, which then led to the separation of Northern Ireland when the Free State was established..."

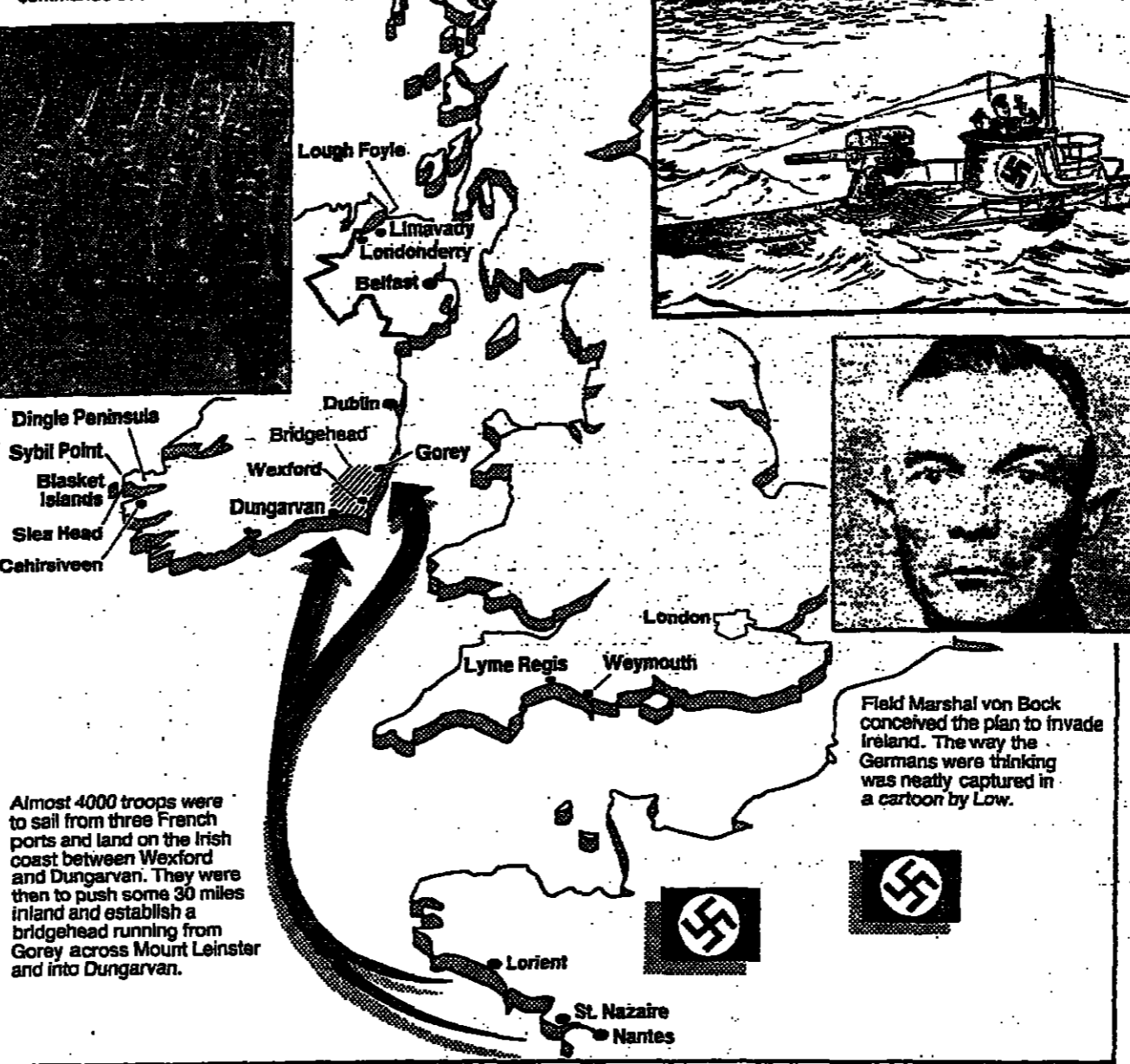
The recipients of this brisk historical analysis were to be the men of the 4th and 7th German Army Corps under General Leonhard Kaupisch, who in August 1940 was ordered to prepare detailed plans for an amphibious operation against Ireland. The idea's originator appears to have been the newly-promoted Field Marshal Feodor von Bock, whose Army Group B, having distinguished itself in the attack on Poland the previous September, had just pushed the British and Belgian armies back to the Channel. Army Group B was now entrusted with the western flank of Operation Sealion - the invasion of Britain - and given the task of securing a beach-head between Weymouth and Lyme Regis. Kaupisch's offensive against Eire was to be an integral part of the attack on England.

The plans for the invasion of Ireland, classified "Top Secret" and "Very Urgent", were distributed in 32 copies by the German High Command on August 8, and at least one set of these instructions - still in its brown envelope bearing the wax seal of the German eagle and swastika - survived the war. It shows that the invasion of Ireland, codenamed Operation Green - *Fall Grün* - was to have been a bold and extremely hazardous affair.

From the French ports of Lorient, St Nazaire and Nantes, an initial force of

Abridged from In Time of War by Robert Fisk, published by André Deutsch on April 25, price £25

The helmets look German but the troops are Irish. The Nazi generals expected "no substantial resistance" and planned to use lightly-armed infantry and commando units in their assault.



Almost 4000 troops were to sail from three French ports and land on the Irish coast between Wexford and Dunganvan. They were then to push some 30 miles inland and establish a bridgehead running from Gorey across Mount Leinster and into Dunganvan.

Field Marshal von Bock conceived the plan to invade Ireland. The way the Germans were thinking was neatly captured in a cartoon by Lew.

failure, in which case "landing at another point must be attempted". Withdrawal should take place "only in an extreme state of emergency".

Only three German divisions would take part in the first stages of the Irish invasion: 40 were scheduled to participate in Operation Sealion. It is possible that the German High Command never seriously intended to invade Ireland and there is evidence that they deliberately publicized Operation Green to stretch British defence preparations in advance of Sealion. Major General Walter Warlimont, Deputy Chief of the Wehrmacht High Command's operations staff, noted that on June 28 an instruction was issued "to the effect that in order to mislead the enemy all available information media should spread the word that we were preparing a landing in Ireland to draw the net around England tighter and reinforce the 'siege'". But the extent of the planning and the distribution of the Green documents suggest that the Germans were contemplating a real landing in

radio traffic that suggested the British themselves were about to attack Eire. On December 3, 1940, he ordered Admiral Raeder's naval staff to investigate the chances of occupying Ireland. According to the record of that day's Führer Conference, Hitler believed that "a landing in Ireland can be attempted only if Ireland requests help. For the present our envoy [Eduard Hempel, German minister in Dublin] must ascertain whether de Valera desires support and whether he wishes to have his military equipment supplemented by captured British war material...which could be sent to him in independent ships...the occupation of Ireland might lead to the end of the war."

In fact, the Germans had already offered de Valera's government quantities of British guns captured at Dunkirk - the Irish prudently turned them down - and all Raeder's men could offer Hitler was the possibility that German blockade runners carrying weapons and ammunition might get through to Irish ports in the winter

community founded upon equality for all, but associates with this an extraordinary personal need for independence which easily leads to indiscipline and pugnacity..."

The handbook also contained an extremely detailed description of the Ardarausha power station on the Shannon, together with a map and diagram that was presumably furnished by the German architects who designed the plant. The list of Irish cities and towns which the volume also included was an amalgam of population figures and industrial geography although it failed to mention important military details. Tiny villages like Ballyhaunis ("County Mayo, 1103 inhabitants") and Dalkey ("County Dublin, 4155 inhabitants, bathing and residential area on southside of Dublin Bay, station and garage") were awarded a place in the list although Castletoomore in Cork, the nearest mainland berth to the military harbour at Behavevan, was omitted.

Some of the information was absurd. The German authors disclosed, for instance, that Magherafelt in County Londonderry was "a town with a big rectangular market square in the centre from which roads go to the north, south, east and west directions", an observation that was unlikely to be of immediate use to a German tank commander under fire. Other facts were tantalising in their obscurity. In Dublin, for example, there was a "project for a munitions factory, unknown if completed yet" in which a German officer would be more interested than the whereabouts of the Guinness brewery or the Jacob's biscuit factory.

The separate volume of photographs that accompanied this booklet contained 120 illustrations, most of them copies of postcards or newspaper pictures. These may have given the German Army a general idea of the sort of country they were invading but would have been of little military use.

Picture 19, for instance, shows a thatched cottage in the Kerry mountains outside of which a hen, two cows, an old woman in a long skirt, a small boy and a man in a bowler hat stare suspiciously at the camera. The caption announces: "People and animals often live together in one or two-roomed huts when there is no stable." Picture 74 is even less instructive. Captioned simply "Bogland in County Roscommon", it depicts a moss-covered wall amid mud and puddles, all partially obscured by heavy rain.

None of this material was likely to commend itself to diligent members of the Wehrmacht. The photographs of Ireland's cities might have proved

The plans show that Operation Green was to have been a bold and extremely hazardous affair

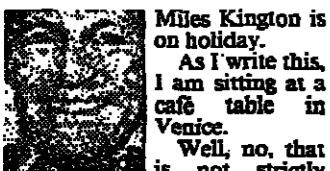
the south-east of Ireland, if only to draw off British troops in Northern Ireland who might otherwise be sent to southern England to oppose Sealion.

There can be little doubt that the Germans did eventually plan to occupy the entire British Isles, and when their newly-formed Military Economic Staff for England - *Wehrwirtschaftsstab England* - met at the beginning of September 1940, they included Dublin among the six German administrative headquarters that were to have been set up in the two islands. Kaupisch continued his preparations for the Irish invasion throughout September, and only in mid-October - when Sealion had been postponed - was he allowed to slow the pace of his exercises, continuing them only as a pretence.

In the following month, however, Hitler took a personal interest in an invasion of Ireland, prompted perhaps by an Abwehr interception of British

months "as long as there is still no state of war between Britain and Ireland and as long as the Irish cooperate".

Irish neutrality was to be respected and a landing made there only at de Valera's request. But the idea of an invasion was not yet dead. An attack on the island was to be considered by the Germans on two more occasions, and throughout the rest of 1940 and the following two years German printers at the Institut Cartographique Militaire in Brussels produced thousands of copies of their maps and literature for German soldiers in Ireland. *Military Geographical Data on Ireland* presented a uniquely Teutonic view of the country with a mass of generally accurate but frequently useless facts and statistics and a characteristic interest in Irish racial stock. The Irish, it disclosed, were "a mixture of western and Nordic components... the Irishman supports a



Miles Kingdon is on holiday. As I write this, I am sitting at a cafe table in Venice. Well, no, that is not strictly true. As you read this, I am sitting at a cafe table in Venice. I am actually writing this at a desk in Notting Hill before I leave for Venice on a week's holiday, so that next week (or now, as you would call it) I don't have to sit down in Venice and write a piece.

doesn't work like that. As it is, here I am writing a piece instead of being on holiday. But at least there is one advantage to this.

Since I have not gone to Venice yet, I cannot write a piece about Venice. As I sit now at my cafe table, I reflect that as I wrote this piece several days ago, you are spared yet another outpouring on the wonders of Venice, the shame of it sinking into a sea and the grossness of Cipriani's Hotel on the Lido. Who wants another piece about Venice?

And there is a great difficulty in writing about Venice, apart from the fact of not having been there, as I have not, and that is the difficulty of finding an opening sentence. Venice seems to bring out the opening sentence in writers. Was it not Thomas Mann, of *Death in Venice* fame, who opened that depressing guide book with the

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words "Streets full of water. Please advise"? Or was it perhaps Robert Benchley?

Much earlier, the great French humorist Alphonse Allais opened a dispatch from Venice with words that bring back the Victorian era with a sharp shock. "The most striking thing that greets one's first arrival in Venice is the complete and utter absence of the smell of horse manure." It is hard to rival that as an opening. We are used to seeing great European cities full of water these days (last week it was Cologne that was suddenly full of impromptu canals) but the absence of something that is what I should aim for.

I am told by people who can't stand Venice - a secretive but

strong minority - that the most striking thing about Venice today is the complete absence of Italians. That the only natives one sees are those employed to service the tourist armies, and that they all go back to the mainland at night. This may or may not be true, and as I sit here at my cafe table, I have probably worked out the truth or otherwise, but as I said, I am not here yet.

When I said I had never been to Venice, this was not quite true. When I was in my early teens, my father took us all on a trip to northern Italy, but all I can remember from that earlier visit was the complete absence of steam trains, of which I was inordinately fond, and the high quality of the ice creams. It isn't much to build a knowledge of

Anyway, as I sit here at the table of the buffet in Venice Station - but I am not sure if my present companion will want to spend a morning at

Venice on, especially as I now see from the map I bought at Stamford's this morning that there is a large railway station in Venice and that if only I had known where to look I would have found any amount of steam trains.

Looking back, I suspect that my father knew, but didn't tell me. My passion for steam engines used to interfere with holiday plans considerably. When we went to Paris he wanted to go up the Eiffel Tower and I wanted to go to the Gare St Lazare. When we went to Edinburgh one year, I took a train out of Edinburgh to Inverkeithing and back so that I could go across the Forth Bridge twice.

Quite so, Walter, another Campari and soda, please.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 42)

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DOWN: 1. Smear (4); 2. Wanton destruction (9); 3. Impish (5); 4. Sweet liqueur (5); 5. Cuts grass (4); 6. Artery (5); 10. Mexican Indian (5); 11. Male duck (5); 12. Zodiacal forecast; 13. Chasm (4); 14. Wound mark (4); 15. Male void (5); 20. Small amount (5); 21. Small person (5); 22. Rippled (4); 23. Sinned (4); 24. Inevitable result (4).

SOLUTION TO No 41: ACROSS: 1. Gravel (5); 15. Accordion (8); 16. Pint (4); 25. Tardem; DOWN: 2. Racco (3); 3. Vic (4); 4. Leatherjacket (5); 5. Wipe (6); 6. Realizer (7); 10. Dank (12); 14. Dis (15); 15. Amnesia (16); 16. Epic (17); 17. Flesh (20); 21. Pope (23); 22. Wain.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

COMMENT

Is a miss as good as a sir?

Most children do not encounter a male teacher until the final year of their junior school, and sometimes not until their secondary school.

One may argue that to a certain extent primary pupils need to be "mothered". I would argue that men are equally capable of providing affection and understanding as well as instruction.

Because a junior class has only one teacher the children observe all aspects of her personality and often get to know her very well.

When a child enters the more formal secondary school, where most teachers are men, the male is seen as merely an instructor.

I believe all this influences the roles people adopt when they become parents. It is the mother who mainly cares for the children, as it was her female teacher (apart from her mother) who guided, disciplined and cared for her during those impressionable years.

Until more males are recruited into junior education, and seen to be as caring and important as women, society will continually expect women to take responsibility for bringing up children.

There are other reasons, too. Many boys today come from homes without fathers. It is helpful for such a child if he can build a strong relationship with a male teacher.

There are also practical reasons. Not all men enjoy sport, for example, and when there is only one male teacher in a school, the responsibility of boys' games falls on him whether he likes it or not.

Older junior school boys seem to need a male teacher. I've observed many women teachers taking this age group. They don't deal with the boys' development, but appear to try to prevent it.

On a social level, from my experience, with more men in the staffroom there is a better atmosphere. When there are mainly women there seems to be a lot of bitchiness.

Peter Riches

JOANNA LUMLEY'S DIARY

Whatever would Noel have said?

The rehearsal room is the colour of raspberry yoghurt: a great elephant-coloured curtain hangs over one wall in heavy stained folds, finally drooping sadly on to the mantelpiece.

A bit of a playmate to go to the lavatory, though it involves keys and padlocks and a sprint through the car park, jump a puddle and don't forget to lock the door when you leave in case someone tries to steal the aging Adamant fixtures, or worse still, uses them. Bring your own paper, but the rehearsal room

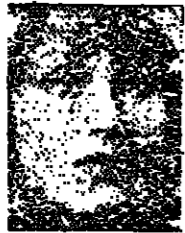


does have three coffee spoons and an electric kettle. You can see through the piano, as its panels have fallen off and the pedals are missing.

I met Simon Cadell on a train one Monday two years ago. We spent four hours in a first class compartment arguing, declaring our love for each other, throwing things, hugging then more arguing: that night we did it all again in front of an audience.

What an extraordinary evening, incandescent with terror, we placed through the show, perfect strangers in front of a packed house, watching each other like hawks.

Friday: Shirley Lowe interviews Lana Turner about how stardom upset family life



wearing trousers (for aforesaid rehearsals in scruffy pub room). I was completely in the wrong, of course, but I wish he hadn't looked so wintery as I snatched my apologies.

Because my old vacuum cleaner (a reconditioned job painted milky green) had started to blow instead of suck, I went out and spent a king's ransom on a new one.

I disentangled it, switched it to cornfield and followed it down to the junk room. I got at the side of a pile of newspapers, nipping little pieces off and devouring them instantly.



A hitherto undreamed-of occasion for playing The Murderer Winks (I described the rules two weeks ago) on stage, during performances of long, slow-paced Shakespearean dramas.

Try saying "Peggy Babcock, Peggy Babcock, Peggy Babcock" out loud.

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Foxed: rejected candidate Hugh Simmonds and family

Paul Pickering meets a female

master of foxhounds who galloped in pursuit of human quarry - her local prospective Conservative candidate

A-hunting we will go

The head of a large hare hangs on the wall behind her ladyship. It wears the puzzled expression of a creature who is about his own business one minute and the next finds himself fastened to a board in a comfortable drawing room of a Queen Anne country house.

Another sort of kill brought Lady Crossman and her husband Sir Peter into the news last week. They flushed a Conservative prospective political candidate Hugh Simmonds from cover when they heard his wife was a member of the League Against Cruel Sports and they savaged him ferociously.

Mr Simmonds still cannot believe what happened. "I was not merely astounded but stunned. What they wanted was an MP and his wife who would gallop to hounds. I tried to explain my view to Sir Peter and Lady Crossman for three quarters of an hour.

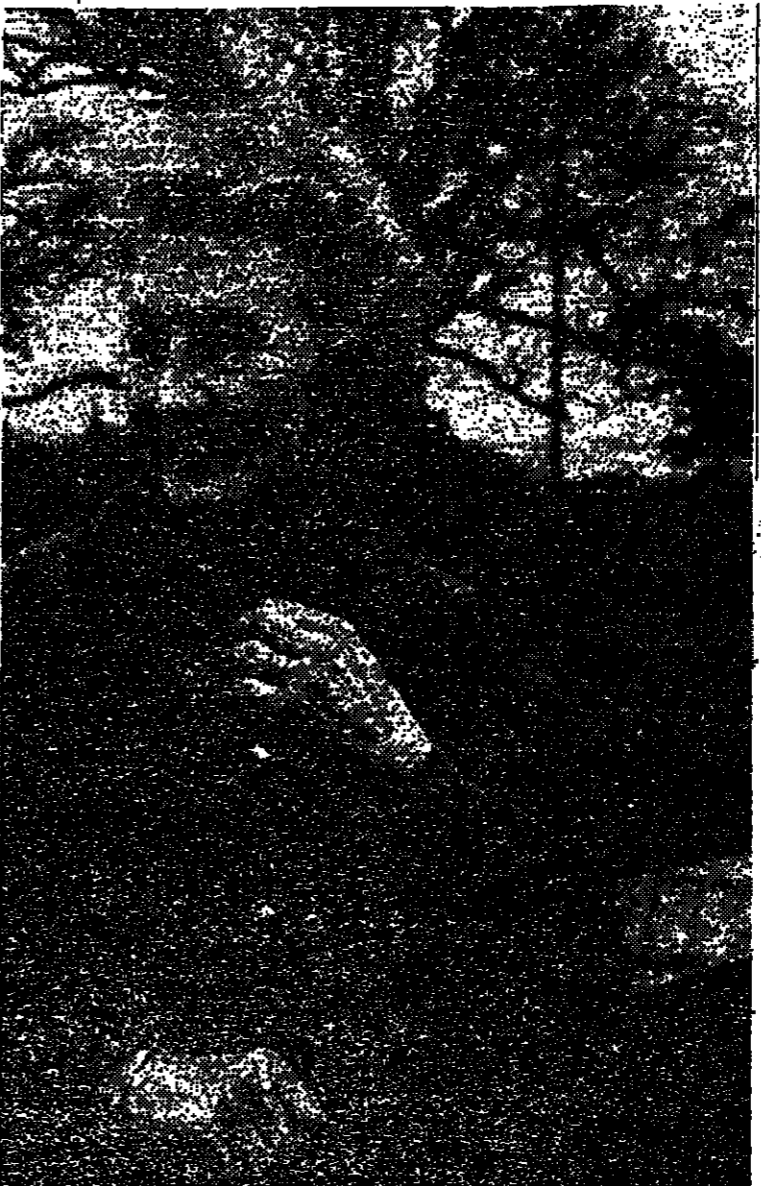
like foxhunting, but if someone wants to do it, that is up to them. We had thought Hugh's adoption was just a formality."

Foxhunting for the Crossmans is their whole life, a mannered game governed by strict rules of fair play, decency and common sense.

"People say we like seeing a fox torn to pieces. Very few people who go hunting actually see the kill, it's only if you are in front."

"The only real justification is the hounds kill the fox instantly. Poison is horrible; I have seen hounds poisoned with strychnine and it's a slow agonizing death."

"We are cousins", said Lady Crossman, aged 66, who married Sir Peter, 73, just before the last war. They spent the rest of it trying to get together, hunting all the time.



Hunter: Lady Crossman of the Cambridgeshire Foxhounds

head. We used to hunt jackals of course," Lady Crossman was a Foreign Office cipher clerk and worked in Morocco and Beirut before eventually meeting Sir Peter in Cairo, where unfortunately there was no hunting.

Most huntmen are keen conservationists: "I love to see a fox, especially nibbling at the blackberries. I like watching a litter of cubs playing in the summer," said Lady Crossman.

"There are no hunts behind the Iron Curtain"

hunt without a fox but its far too slow. It is the uncertainty of a hunt that's important, not knowing where you are going and the speed. There are no hunts behind the Iron Curtain", which to the Crossmans is the ultimate restriction of communism.

Politics is taboo: "We never ask anyone their politics." Could Tariq Ali ride with the pack if he wanted to? "One would know his views", said her ladyship darily.

"The socialists want us to drag

There are no hunts behind the Iron Curtain

"I don't think anyone will ever stop us hunting", said a determined Lady Crossman. An awful lot of foxes would agree with her.

To see a kill is proof of one's horsemanship

"Blooding" is the foxhunting ritual where the faces of children are daubed with the blood of the freshly killed fox.

But neither Lady Crossman nor Sir Peter could be described as intentionally cruel or insensitive.

It was such a little lump - the size of a pea... and a petit pois at that

FIRST PERSON

By Beryl Downing

"Hello? Oh, I'm very well, thank you. I had a touch of cancer last week, but I'm fine now. How are you?" This is not a sick joke. It is actually how I feel about this boggy disease - not much more than a bout of flu.

It was not until I was inescapably tucked up in St Bartholomew's Abernethy ward that the alarm bells rang. The consultant was not only for the removal of the lump, but also for "any further surgery" found to be necessary.

So it was a couple of days after the first operation that the lab reported that a small section of tissue had proved malignant and they couldn't be sure they had got it all out.

Do they? I don't believe it. I could not have borne to meet myself in the bathroom mirror every day for the rest of my life and be disgusted by my mutilation.

So there was much sympathetic discussion - and that is one of the characteristics of Barts that make it such an outstanding teaching hospital: everyone from consultants to junior nurses, however busy and however overtaxed, was prepared to give time to listening as well as to doing - not an attribute of every NHS hospital.

A segmental mastectomy was agreed, followed by six weeks of radiotherapy - a combination of treatment, increasingly accepted to be as effective as a radical, provided the lump is in the outer segment of the breast.

The surgery was performed not only with medical skill, but with such cosmetic care that in less than a week I was assured that eventually there would be nothing more noticeable than "a slight asymmetry".

I was warned that I would feel tired, and I did, but I reckoned if my body couldn't

cope it would let me know, so I went straight from my daily treatments to the office and had care for the first time to benefit from working in a man's world.

It was precisely the need to disprove that attitude - to myself if to no one else - that helped me to survive. There is no time for minor skirmishes of self pity when there is a larger war to win.

I am convinced that a positive, up-beat attitude such as hers helps to exorcise the disease as well as the fear by encouraging more open discussion. If other people are embarrassed by the word it is the fault of those of us who have had the disease.

Of course there are much more severe cases than mine. I shared 10 days of their lives in hospital and I shall always remember and admire the selflessness and strength of spirit which so many of them showed.

Of the several good reasons for envying the providers of food in any French household, the corner charcuterie is one of the best-founded. Even the meanest village has a wide range of some where delectable packed with rosy products of the traditional pork kitchen.

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

Pork and lean

far before the common way of cooking it."

Rillettes of pork Makes about 880g (1 1/2 lbs) 900g (2lb) rindless belly of pork 110g (4oz) pure lard 1 sprig thyme 1 bay leaf

Drain the meat from the liquid fat and reserve the fat. When the meat is cool enough to handle, shred it finely, using your fingers or a pair of forks to break it up.

Put the meat into sterilized pots or jars and press it down well with the back of a spoon. Cover with a layer of the fat previously strained off and leave until quite cold.

Potted hough makes beefy sandwich filling, or a topping for thick buttery toast. It is also good served in slices with baked or sauteed potatoes and a salad.

Makes about 680g (1 1/2 lbs) 900g (2lb) boneloss shin of beef Salt and freshly ground black pepper 1 tablespoon unflavoured gelatine (optional, see recipe)

If your beef is cut from the end of the leg nearest the hoof it will have plenty of gelatine rich gristle to melt into the meat during its long, slow cooking.

Put the meat, in one piece, in a heavy pot and cover it with water. Bring to simmering point, cover and leave it to cook slowly for five or six hours, or until it is meltingly tender.

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Potted hough keeps for several days in the refrigerator but does not freeze successfully because of its high gelatine content.



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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 19: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh (Colonel Grenadier Guards), this morning inspected the Queen's Company of the Grenadier Guards...

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's Flight and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Bedfordshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Hamner Hanbury)...

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, later attended the Centenary Annual General Meeting of the Liverpool Branch at the Town Hall, Liverpool...

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 19: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the Riding for the Disabled Association, this morning opened the Elizabeth Curia Centre for Disabled Riders at Bromham Hospital, Bromham, Bedfordshire...

Her Royal Highness visited the Royal Victoria Leagues-Bourke was in attendance. CLARENCE HOUSE April 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon unveiled the Foundation Plaque of the Clonagh Gallery for the Turner Collection at the Tate Gallery...

Two bishops appointed
The Rev Gordon Bates, Canon Residential and Precentor of Liverpool Cathedral, has been appointed Suffragan Bishop of Whitley, in succession to the Right Rev Clifford Conder Barker, who is to be Suffragan Bishop of Selby...

Mr C. L. L. Glass
The engagement is announced between Luke, son of Sir Leslie Glass, of Irvington, Herefordshire, and Miss L. J. Hamilton, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Hamilton, of London, W8...

Mr N. P. Magee and Dr A. G. Gregor-Drachovska
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Commander Brian Magee, of Edinburgh, and Anna, daughter of Dr and Mrs Josef Drachovska, of Prague...

Birthdays today
The Right Rev F. C. Darwent, 56; the Rev John C. Davies, 64; Major-General Sir Charles Dumphries, 81; Sir Arnold France, 72; Sir Solomon Hochoy, 78; Mr Eddie Kulkundia, 51; Mr Leslie Phillips, 59; Sir Hilton Poynton, 78; Professor G. O. Sayles, 82; Sir William Stirling, 61; Sir Marshall Sir Richard Wakeford, 61; Mr Henry Wong, 52...

Mr J. W. Baker
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, only son of Mr and Mrs W. W. Baker, of Fishponds, Bristol, and Lesley, daughter of the late Eric Milne Jones, of Wrexham, Cwyd, and of Mrs L. M. Boley, of Brixham, Devon...

Mr S. R. C. Points and Miss J. M. Everest
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs P. C. Points, of Pangbourne College, Berkshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr F. D. Everest, of London, SW17, and the late Mrs B. M. Everest, of Sheenfort Farm, Blewbury, Oxfordshire...

Latest wills
Latest estates include (net, before tax): Bayford, Mr Richard Hayter, of Pangbourne, Berkshire, £306,782; Nicholls, Mr Arthur James Patrick, of Cambridge, Gloucestershire, £436,538...

Mr D. J. A. Elliot and Miss L. Franckya
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Dr and Mrs A. J. Elliot, of All Saints, Cheltenham, Kent, and Lillian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Reginald Franckya, of Avon, Connecticut, United States...

Mr J. C. Hoppe and Miss C. Lankester
The marriage took place in London on Tuesday, April 12, of Mr John Hoppe, son of the Rev J. C. Hoppe, of Kansas City, Missouri, United States, and Miss Christina Louise Lankester, daughter of Captain and Mrs P. K. R. Lankester, of Wimbledon, London...

St George's School, Ascot
Summer Term will begin at 2 pm on Tuesday, April 26, 1983.

Mr C. T. L. Foster and Miss C. A. MacLennan
The engagement is announced between Toby, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Foster, of Richmond, Surrey, and Carol, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald MacLennan, of Elstree, Hertfordshire...

Mr M. J. Isaac and Miss J. E. Clarenbone
The marriage took place on April 16, in Hampshire, between Mr Malcolm Isaac and Miss Jill Clarenbone...

St Leonard's School, St Andrews
Summer Term begins today and ends on Speech Day, Sunday, July 12, 1983. Senior week will be from Friday, May 20 to Sunday, May 22, 1983.

Mr R. Hudson and Miss F. M. Christy
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs W. Hudson, of Badliss Hall, Ayrleigh, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. Christy, of The Watch House, Dedham, Essex...

Receptions
Princess Michael of Kent, Patron of the British Digestive Foundation, was present at a reception held last night at Lettison House, Sir Francis Avery Jones, president, received the guests...

Dinners
Royal Society of Medicine
Sir James Watt, president, presided at a dinner for members of council of the Royal Society of Medicine held yesterday at 1 Wimpole Street...

Golden daffodils of Ulster

By Janet Brynne, Horticulture Correspondent

The Royal Horticultural Society's Old-World Ulster, a mass of colour for the society's spring show, which incorporates the camellia and daffodil shows and competitions...

Richardson trophy for 12 varieties in the amateur section, showing 'Ben Avon', 'Dallmannach', 'Jumbo Gold', 'Bunclody', 'Purbeck', 'Golden Jewel', 'Cool Crystal', 'Loch Carron', 'Gay Kybo', 'Gold Convention', 'Cairn Toul', and a seedling...



This photograph of a blind visitor to last month's Exploring Woodland and Seashore exhibition at the Natural History Museum, London, and taken for The Times by Suresh Karadia, has been chosen as the Nikon photograph of the month.

OBITUARY

MR JANIS SAPIETS

BBC broadcasting to the Soviet Union

A colleague writes: The death of Janis Sapiets removes a man of remarkable gentleness and moral excellence, who exercised an unobtrusive yet considerable influence in the BBC's broadcasting to Eastern Europe...

He was a familiar voice to an audience whose dimensions in Russia can only be guessed at but which was probably many millions. Sapiets occupied a rather special position in the Eastern European service at Bush House in that he was both head of its small central research unit and also had charge of religious broadcasting for the Russian service...

DR R. E. DIXON

Dr Roger Edmund Dixon was an architectural historian of growing reputation when he died in London on Monday April 18 at the early age of 48. Educated at St Paul's School and Peterhouse, Cambridge, he joined the staff of the Polytechnic of the South Bank in London in 1964...

Eton College
Eton College opens today for the Summer Half with 1,244 boys in the school. N. A. Bright, KS, continues as captain of the school and C. J. Hawley, OS, as captain of the Old Boys' Club...

St Edward's School, Oxford
Term started on Monday. The heads of school are J. G. A. Ellison and J. A. Livingstone. Gaudy is on Saturday, May 28, when the preacher will be the Right Rev Patrick Rodger, Bishop of Oxford...

St John's School, Leatherhead
Summer Term starts on Wednesday, April 20. The 20th anniversary of the school will be commemorated on Sunday, June 12 by a service which is to be broadcast at 9.30 am on Radio 4...

St Lawrence College
Summer Term began on April 19. J. Vellacott is head of the school. Jane Hammer is head girl, and P. R. Hargrave is head boy. The Speech Day is on Saturday, May 28, the guest of honour is Mr Derek Wigman and the preacher at the Speech Day service is the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent at Canterbury, O. L. Day...

Royal Grammar School, Guildford
Trinity Term began on April 18 with 704 boys in the senior school and 284 at Lanesborough. John Perrin is captain of the school. The 1983 King's Lecture will be given on May 5 by Mr Peter Newman. On May 23 the CCF will be inspected by Lord and Lady Smith, Sir John and Lady Dea, Sir John Stalworthy and Sir Gordon and Lady Wallerby and Roland Smith.

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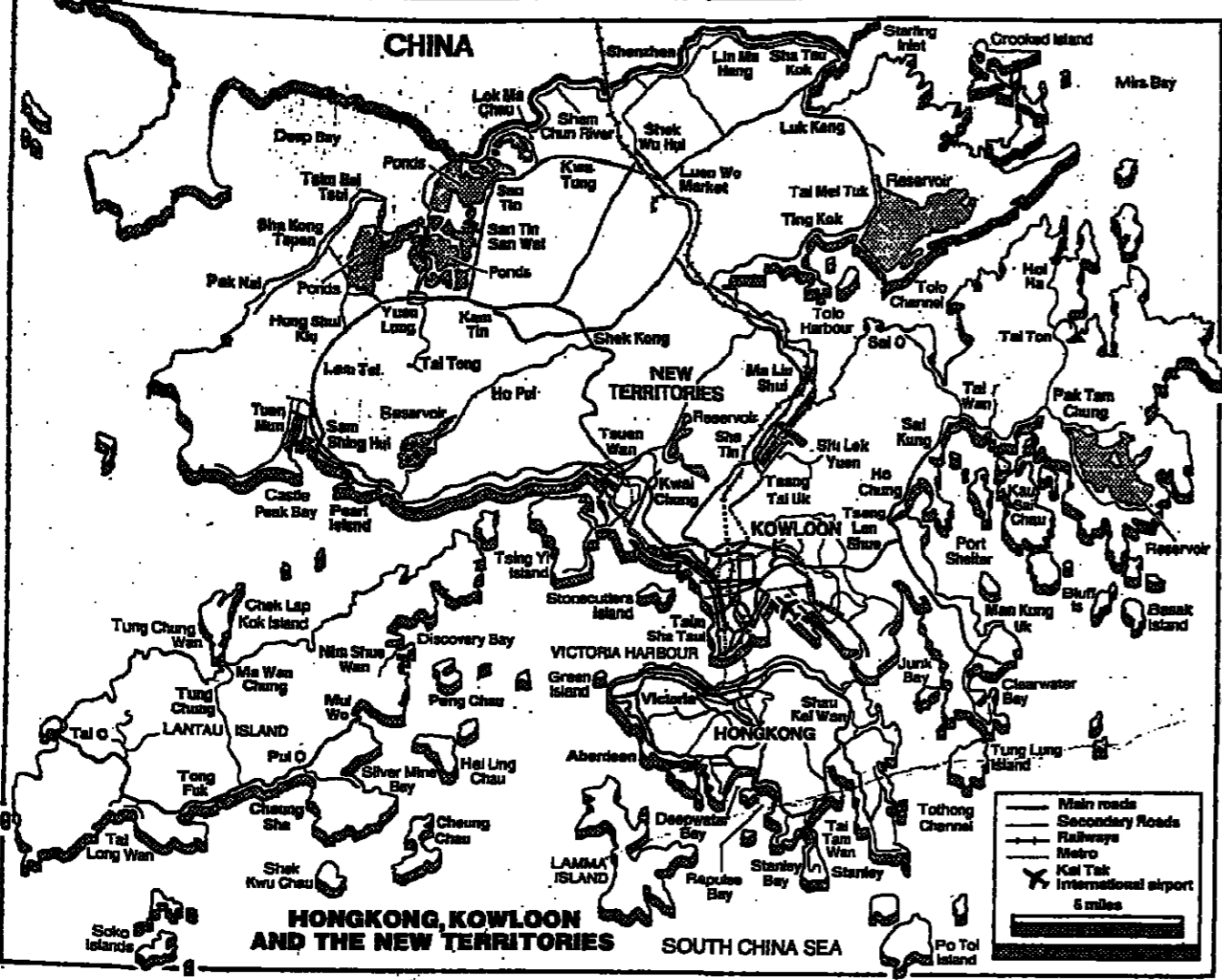
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1983 Hong Kong Trade Fair advertisement with details of dates, location, and contact information for the British Overseas Trade Board.

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STOCK MARKET

Forming psychological scar tissue



Capital and confidence appear to be creeping back into Hongkong, judging from the gains that the Hang Seng Index has recorded in recent months.

September/October 1982 will begin operations later this year, for the first time bringing together four separate exchanges which operate independently of each other.

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of an existing exchange should be eligible, providing he satisfied certain requirements. The criteria for membership are being considered by a special committee.

After the boom, the slide continues

It was inevitable that a bust would follow the property boom of the late 1970s. The collapse, which is now widely evident, was caused by a combination of oversupply, property trading difficulties, world economic recession which eroded demand for office space and luxury accommodation for expatriates, and political uncertainty over Hongkong's future.

partners in the consortium (Carrian and Eda) had defaulted on payments. Eda is in the process of winding up under a court order. Hongkong Land recently sold its share in Hongkong Telephone.

underground to finance up to 50 per cent of its HK\$11,000m cost. The developer of the eight sites contracted so far, a consortium led by Hang Lung Development, has completed one project, but has withdrawn from the second.

result of a legislated restructuring of the financial sector which removed a source of public funds for these institutions, but also because of their participation in funding property speculation.

Of live football by satellite and other lovely goals.

With the installation of the first antenna at the Satellite Earth Station Complex in the autumn of 1969, international television was introduced to Hong Kong.

live telecasts of major sporting events like the World Cup, F.A. Cup Finals, the Olympics and other significant events from the Royal Wedding to the Miss Universe Pageant.

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Despite the recent bull run on the Hongkong stock market, which took the index to its highest level in five months (at 1,066 points in late February), opinion among the local business community is divided as to whether there will be sufficient support for the rest of the year to keep the market on an upward course.

Most brokers are predicting that the colony's blue chips - Hutchison Whampoa, Cheung Kong Holdings, Jardine Matheson - will not perform too well in 1983.

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THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Recent years have seen the emergence of Hong Kong as one of the world's foremost industrial and banking centres.

Strategically located on the coast of China, the small Territory has forged a unique place for itself among the first rank of trading nations. Hong Kong however, takes nothing for granted and hard won success in the past does not always guarantee certain success in the future.

Already, many major companies operating in Hong Kong have instituted massive investment programmes designed to increase the quality and competitiveness of their products and services in future international markets.

At the same time, Britain is sharing in Hong Kong's prosperity. In 1982, based on the average annual growth rate for the last three years, it was estimated that Britain's total exports to Hong Kong would exceed those to Japan, making Hong Kong Britain's biggest market in the Far East.

A closer examination of some companies' individual investment programmes will provide additional proof that Hong Kong is looking forward to an exciting and confident future.

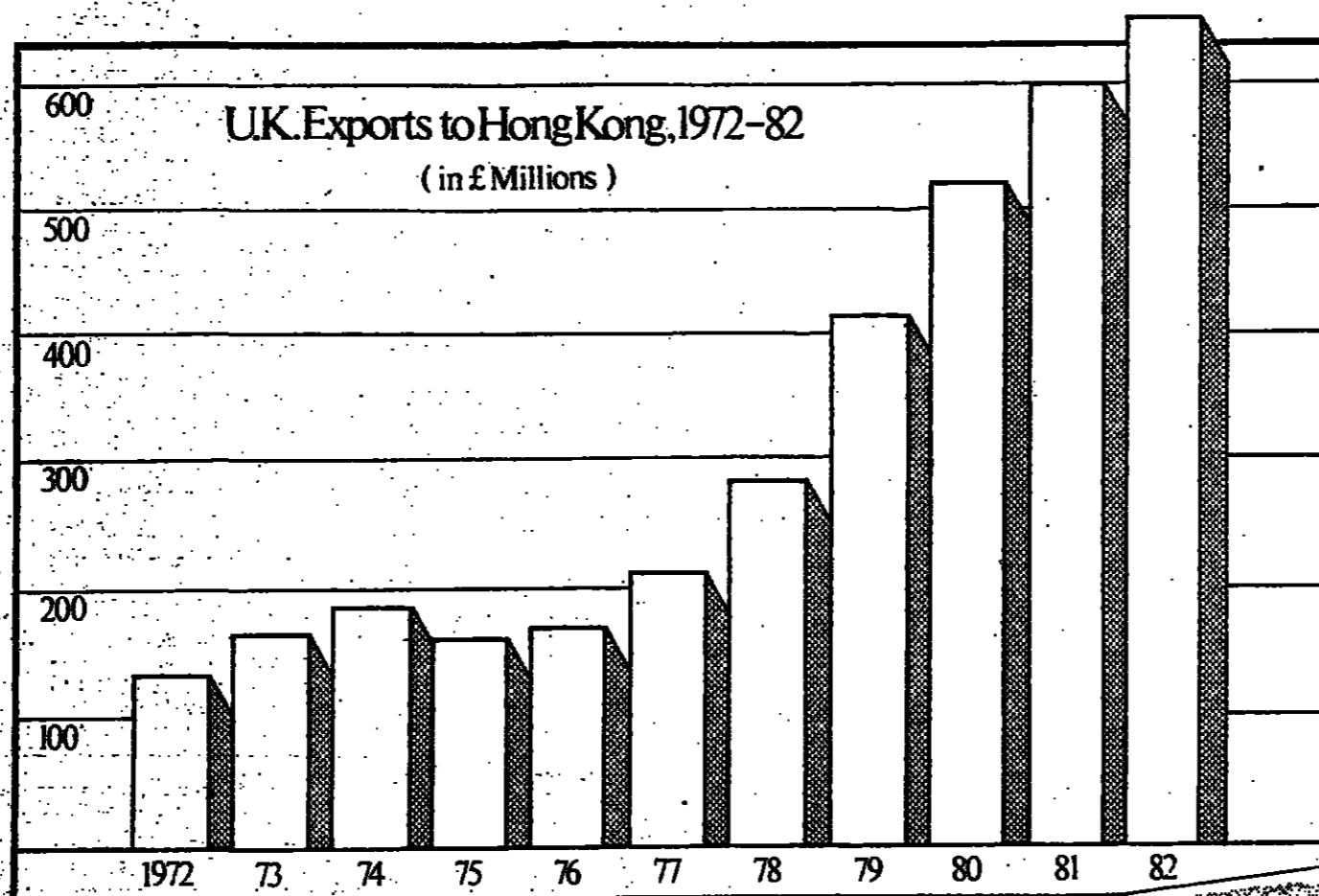
Chartered Bank announces major redevelopment of HK head office.

Thomas De La Rue & Co to establish £5.9 million factory to print HK banknotes.

Hongkong Telephone Company announces £500 million capital investment programme over the next 6 years. £68 million in 1983 alone.



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Work starts on £8.3 million MTR station contract.

Sea-Land and Far East Consortium announce £91 million joint venture container yard and multi-storey freight station (the world's largest).

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Housing Authority announces £39.5 million worth of public housing construction contracts awarded for Taipo, Cheung Chau and Ngau Tau Kok (5,778 flats for 32,800 people).

Government awards £21.8 million contract for foundations of a £136 million 6-tower office complex on Wanchai reclamation area.

£2.7 million aluminium plant (Modern Metal & Refining Ltd) to start production at Yuen Long Industrial Estate in March 1983.

£118 million investment planned by 36 companies in Taipo and Yuen Long Industrial Estates.

£118 million contract awarded by Hongkong Land to Gammon for first phase of Exchange Square development.

American Express announces that all regional travellers' cheque and credit card operations will be moved to Hong Kong.

Ferranti Electronics in joint venture with Wheelock Marden.

Governor announces 203,000 public housing flats will be built between 1982/83 and 1986/87 (average of over 40,000 per year).

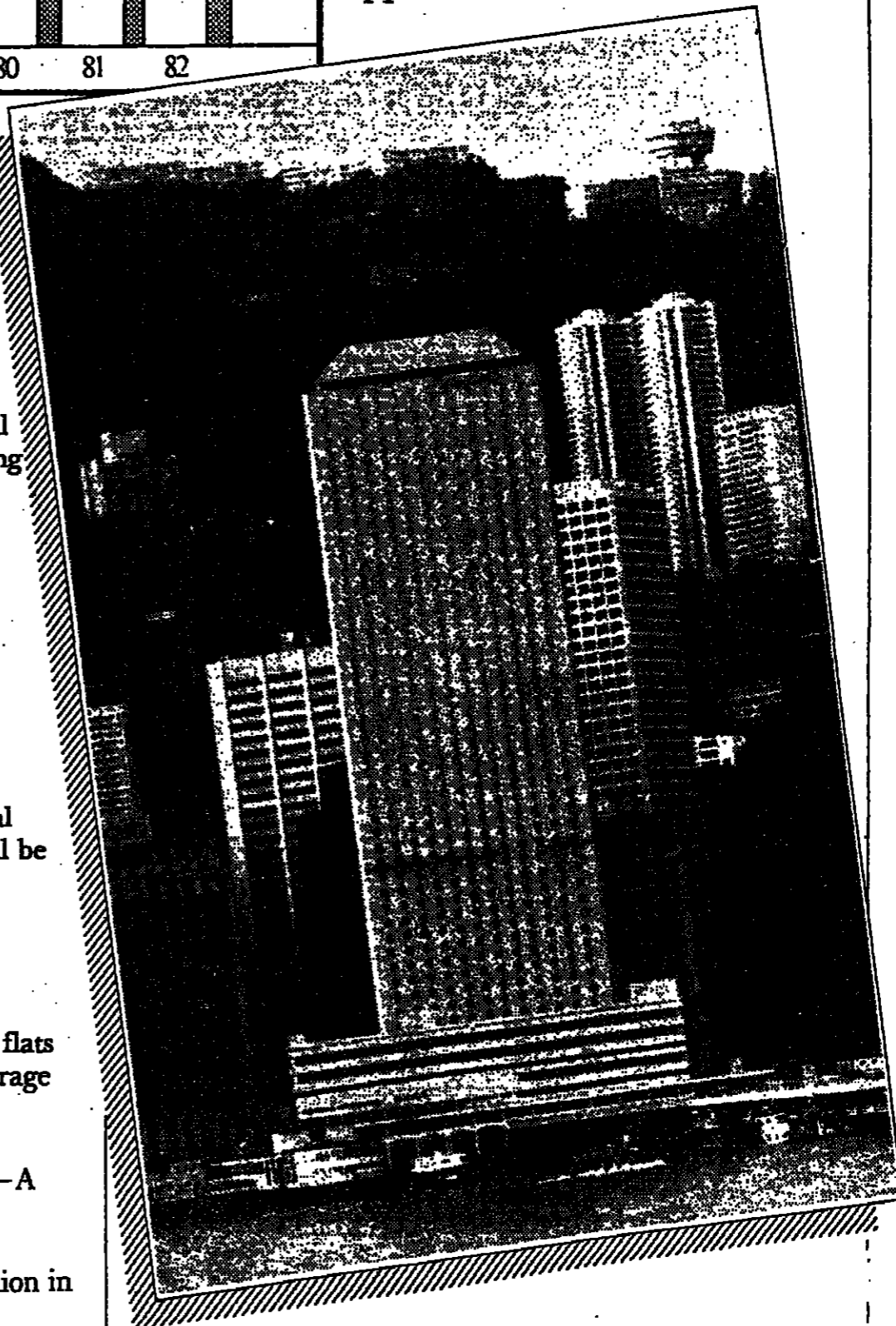
Hong Kong fashions take London by storm — A Harvey Nichols promotion.

Brown Boveri of Switzerland invests £2.7 million in electronics plant at Taipo Industrial Estate.

4 Japanese Banks and 1 French Bank to open in Hong Kong.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank announces 20 year mortgages.

HK Electronics Fair estimated to have won £5.9 million in on-the-spot orders with further £16.4 million under negotiation.



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REFUGEES

An unfriendly welcome at Chi Ma Wan

Barbed wire surmounts the high prison fences. A thin wind whips off the sea and slices between the forbidding grey buildings. Its very name, Chi Ma Wan Closed Centre, has a sinister ring about it, but it is the reality facing Vietnamese fleeing to Hongkong by boat.

It is a reality given added poignancy by the children running around the camp. At any one time monthly births are likely to be in double figures. New lives utterly without prospects, beginning on a little prison island with the haven of Hongkong seen vaguely in the distance through the mists.

Hongkong, the beacon for countless thousands of refugees over the years from both China and Vietnam, is only reflecting the weariness of the Western countries with the problems of the boat people and the economic concerns which force them to reconsider their priorities.

Eight years after the end of the Vietnam war they are still arriving, though fewer than in the recent past, when there was less concern. Resettlements have slowed to a tenth of what they were two years ago but those now leaving Vietnam have little chance of being resettled through Hongkong. They are likely to be in the colony indefinitely.

To some, the barbed wire and the prison conditions seem unnecessarily cruel, but the authorities have decided that for the good of both sides the exodus has to be discouraged. The rigid conditions of Chi Ma Wan should be enough to discourage anyone not actually facing certain death in Vietnam.

In Chi Ma Wan now are 2,958 unfortunates who arrived after the cut-off date of July 2 last year. The camp is clean and orderly and, in contrast with some of the open holding camps, there is no overcrowding, but there is no mistaking the status of the inmates. They

respond to visitors as to jailers until they realize the possibilities of a journalistic contact, but it is a cruel hope, falsely raised.

Hongkong's place in the ranking of countries of first asylum for Vietnamese refugees has always been a special one. The profile of arrivals has gradually changed, unlike those for other regional countries. The beginning was conventional enough, with the arrival of the *Clara Maersk* in May 1975 with 3,743 escapees on board. The early arrivals - the trickle became a flood with more than 66,000 landing in the first seven months of 1979 - were almost exclusively ethnic Chinese, many of them from the south of Vietnam.

Those refugees, fleeing Vietnamese persecution of the Chinese minority, were of a high calibre, mainly business people with skills to offer and often quite a lot of money to start a new life in third countries. Being Chinese, most were well educated and adaptable, readily able to fit in almost anywhere they were sent. In 1979 only 15 per cent of the arrivals were ethnic Vietnamese. Today the ethnic Vietnamese make up 98 per cent.

Today's refugees from Vietnam are of a different calibre from their predecessors. Most are from north or central Vietnam. They have little education, coming mostly from fishing villages or the countryside, and few skills to offer resettlement countries. Their reasons for leaving are most often economic, but some wish to escape military service.

There would be little use in putting them into the open centres in which earlier arrivals were placed; they could not go out to jobs as refugees in Hongkong itself do.

Towards the end of last month there were 12,352 awaiting resettlement, with only about 5 per cent of them having

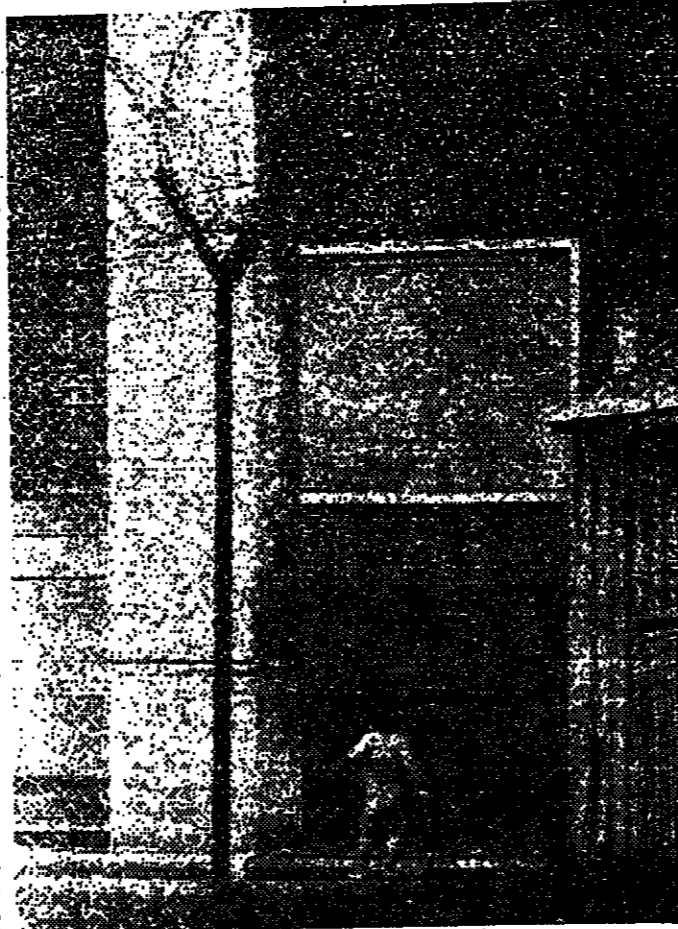
secured acceptance abroad: at the same time 1982 arrivals had fallen, but by a much smaller margin than in the rest of the region.

The number of arrivals by boat throughout the area last year fell by 42 per cent. In Hongkong the fall was only 6 per cent. Resettlement has been disappointingly low compared with other South-East Asian countries which have received the boat people. Hongkong's rate for 1982 was 44 per cent, while other first asylum countries went as high as Malaysia's 66 per cent.

All this has persuaded the Hongkong authorities that drastic measures to cut off the flow from Vietnam may be required. In spite of considerable assistance in the closed camps from the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the refugees have cost the Hongkong Government US \$18m (about £12m) in straight outgoings. This does not take into account the diversion of resources and the use of land which would otherwise yield a return.

Among the options being considered is the forced repatriation of new arrivals, a dramatic switch from the humanitarian policy which has set Hongkong apart from other South-East Asian countries in the past. Such a programme is still only at the stage of being considered. Should it go ahead it would have to be the subject of negotiations not only with the Foreign Office in London but also with the Vietnamese Government and the UNHCR.

The numbers of Vietnamese boat people in Hongkong pale into insignificance compared with the influx from China. The peak of the flood again coincided with events in Indo-China. As Chinese troops were withdrawn from the border with Hongkong to cope with the fighting on the Vietnam-China border, the steady flow of



One of the young refugees at the Jubilee Camp in Kowloon

refugees from China became a flood. In 1979 90,000 were caught on first arrival and 107,000 got through to "touch base" under the policy then prevailing, which allowed those who managed to evade both the Chinese and the British to stay.

That influx so frightened the authorities and the people of Hongkong that the "touch base" policy was abolished. Last year 8,700 hopefuls were turned back. That change and the introduction of identity cards for Hongkong citizens have not eliminated the problem of the illegals brought in by "snake heads" or racketeers. These illegals are responsible, the authorities believe, for much of the recent violent crime in Hongkong.

While the police have had a good deal of success in picking up illegals, the skill of the counterfeiter has prevented them from being totally successful. Since the "touch base" rule

was ended it has been estimated that more than 8,000 illegals are living underground. They are still arriving at the rate of nine a day.

To counteract the illegals and their effect on the crime rate, new identity cards are being issued from this month. Learning from the lessons of Northern Ireland, they will be backed by a new computer which will allow police officers to run immediate checks on identity cards.

Given the current poor state of the Hongkong economy and the heavy penalties for those assisting illegal immigrants, the police will most probably enjoy considerable public support in the hunt for illegals. Thus, with good policing at the border, it is hoped to eliminate the illegal element in Hongkong's population.

David Watts

HIGHER EDUCATION

Getting ready for the great leap forward

Hongkong has always been something of a latecomer in educational development. When the rest of the world was racing to expand tertiary education, the British-administered territory had to stand on the sidelines. It was then still struggling to provide enough school places at the primary and secondary levels.

Now that budgetary stringency and slackening demand for university students have caught up with a number of Western countries, effectively putting a curb on further growth, Hongkong is preparing for its "great leap forward" in the field of higher education.

Current plans are that by the mid-1990s the opportunities for first-year degree courses will increase to 2.5 per cent of the 17 to 19 age group to eight per cent by 1995. Two years before the lease on the New Territories expires. There are plans for a second polytechnic to be opened by 1988, with a total enrolment of 20,000 students, of whom 8,000 will be full-time and the rest part-time and evening students. In the early 1990s numbers will rise to 30,000, of whom 13,500 will be full-time students. A site is being prepared and the appointment of a director is under consideration.

Thirty per cent of the courses offered at the new polytechnic will be to degree level. On top of this, the authorities are examining the feasibility of an open university.

Existing institutions will also be significantly developed over the next ten years. The supply of degree places will be increased by 4 per cent a year at Hongkong's two universities up till 1988, with specific training requests by the Government to be met over and above this figure.

This will see total enrolment at the University of Hongkong, the territory's oldest, and at the newer Chinese University growing from the present 11,200 to 15,100 in four years' time. This is 3,000 places in excess

of the projection of the 1978 White Paper on senior secondary and tertiary education. In the longer term, the English-language University of Hongkong has been asked to explore the possibility of increasing its student population from 6,000 to about 10,000 in the mid 1990s, with emphasis on a greater intake of medical and law students.

The Hongkong Polytechnic, which at present has an enrolment of 25,400 - of whom 8,000 are full-time, 3,700 day-release, and the remainder evening class students - ought to have 30 per cent of its planned full-time-equivalent students on degree courses by 1988.

This expansion comes amid uncertainty and anxieties about the future of Hongkong after Britain's lease on the New Territories runs out in 1997, currently the subject of negotiations with China. Why embark on an expansion programme while the whole Hongkong question remains unsolved?

One reason is that, despite present worries, most people realize that there will be nowhere for them to go, whatever happens in 1997. They live in hope that when sovereignty reverts to China, life here will be little changed.

With hardly any natural resources, and depending for its living on its ability to trade effectively, Hongkong must ensure that its gradually diversifying economy is well supplied with highly educated and skilled manpower. Also, the groundwork for the present expansion was laid in the late 1970s, when it was widely held that the last thing China would do would be to disturb the status quo in Hongkong, lest it kill the goose that laid the golden eggs.

To halt expansion plans while negotiations between Britain and China are at a delicate stage would be interpreted by Hongkong people as a sign that the Government was

getting ready to pull out, and this could cause a crisis of confidence. Clearly, in the long term, much will depend on the outcome of the current talks, but with expansion virtually guaranteed until the end of the decade, it is not surprising that policy makers and educators are extending confidence.

Professor M A Brimer, head of the School of Education at the University of Hongkong, points out: "We are the envy of the rest of the university world because we are expanding when everybody else is contracting." The provision of university places, however, is still low. With a population of some five and a half million, the territory has only two universities and one polytechnic, compared with the seven universities and four polytechnics for a population of three million in New Zealand.

University places are available for only 2.5 per cent of the 17-20 age group, compared with 4 to 6 per cent in other Asian countries. Hongkong lags behind countries such as Singapore and South Korea, which are regarded as being at a comparable stage of development.

This has resulted in a brain-drain to the United States, Canada and Britain. According to recent statistics, more than 14,400 students went overseas for their education in 1981-82, a number which exceeds by more than 4,000 the total enrolment of the two local universities in the same period.

By acquiring a near-monopoly of secondary education, the Government has created expectations that it will provide further education for matriculating sixth-formers.

Nobody wants to repeat the mistakes of countries such as India, where the rush to expand tertiary education has meant that many graduates take menial jobs, for lack of employment suited to their qualifications.

Halima Guterres
South China Morning Post

The continuing property slump

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The Government is also taking advantage of the market downturn. A home-ownership scheme for the middle-class (family income of between HK\$6,500 and HK\$13,000 a month) has been scrapped after 2,500 flats selling for HK\$300,000 to HK\$300,000 drew only 1,000 applications. Land allocated for this middle-income housing scheme is likely to revert to the home ownership scheme for families earning less than HK\$6,500 a month. Flats in this scheme are very much in demand, drawing several times more applications than can be accommodated. Annual production is running at a modest 5,000 units.

Furthermore, the Government is using this cooling-off period to repay a curious and complicated land debt of more than 100 million square feet to Letters B holders. Letters B were issued to New Territories land owners whose property was used for the construction of new towns.

As these land exchange

entitlements were transferable, most were sold to property developers. In the past, however, much of the land put out for redemption of Letters B was for industrial use and was thus unattractive to holders. In its April-September land sales forecast, however, the Government will be putting out a record 900,000 sq ft of residential land in the New Territories for such exchange - 41 per cent of sites allocated for this category of land use.

The market conditions have also brought a new method of land disposal. Some 400,000 sq ft of residential land, most of it in the prime South Hongkong Island zone, will be available for sale "by auction or tender on application". This means that developers are obliged to show their genuine interest by depositing an amount (to be fixed by the Government) which will reflect the base market value for the site. The eventual sale price should not go below this value.

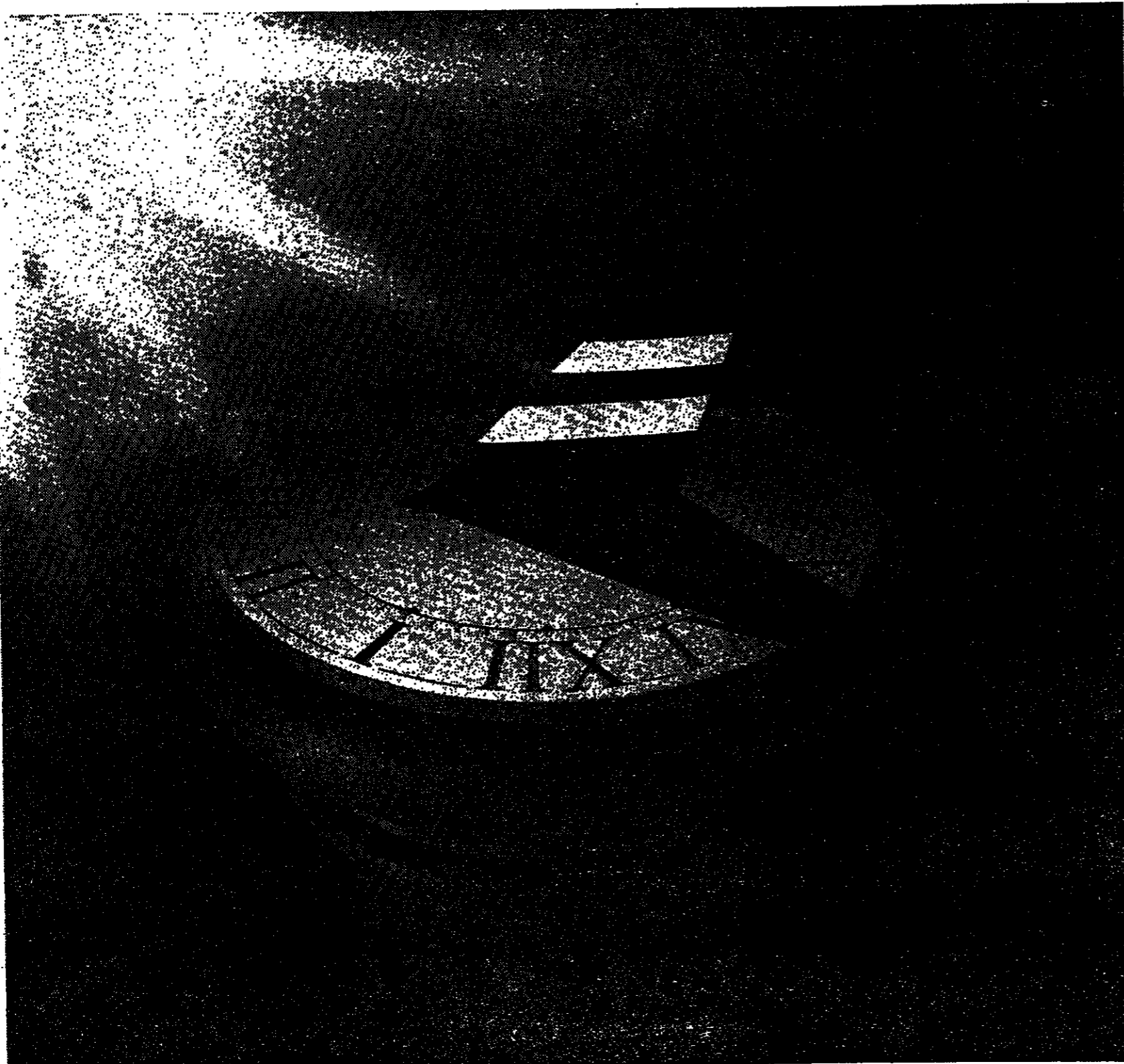
Analysts are divided as to when the property market will recover from its present slump.

Valuers and estate agents say it is now possible to acquire prime properties at bargain prices. Jones Lang Wootton argues that yields on prime property of 9-10 per cent compare favourably with prevailing interest rates. Meanwhile, talks on Hongkong's future have reached a stalemate over the issue of sovereignty. Recovery of the economy, with its reliance on exports, is on the cards, but unless Peking allows a continuation of some form of official British presence in the territory after 1997, confidence in Hongkong's future can be no more than short-term. In these circumstances, the property companies can at best look forward to avoiding further erosion of the market.

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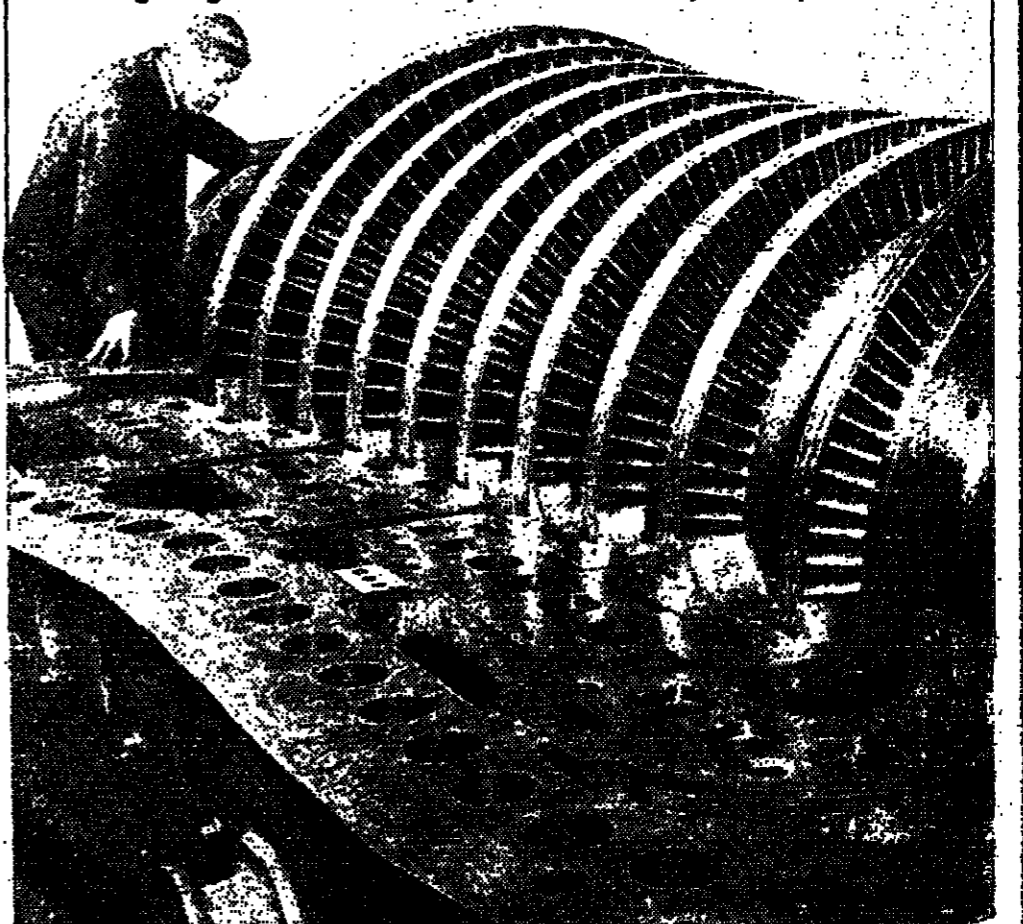
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WALL STREET

US banks move into brokerage

New York (NYT) - On May 1, 1975, a date now famous as Wall Street's May Day, the Securities and Exchange Commission gave the go-ahead to fully-negotiated brokerage commissions and in the process, changed the face of the investment business. Since that watershed eight years ago, discount brokerage has developed to such an extent that even the commercial banks are now jumping onto the bandwagon. In fact, they could well come to dominate the market. This week, Mr Roger Servison, of Fidelity Brokerage Services, estimated that discounters would account for 20 per cent of all retail transactions this year. Banks would be responsible for at least a quarter of such retail trades, he predicted and by 1985, would account for perhaps 50 per cent. The lure of discount brokerage for banks is that it moves them further into financial services and can provide a new way to attract affluent customers. At the start of last year, not a single major bank in the United States offered discount brokerage services, according to the Securities Industry Association. The breakthrough came last year with the acquisition by Bankamerica Corp of Charles Schwab, the United States biggest discount broker. Subsequently, Security Pacific National Bank acquired its own discount brokerage operation. Earlier this year, Chase Manhattan moved directly into the stock brokerage business by acquiring Rose & Co. On Monday, Citibank began offering a new personal asset account that provides a wide variety of services, including discount brokerage. Under present laws, banks are not permitted to advise customers on stock market investments. However, discount brokers do not offer investment advice, stressing, instead, execution of trades at substantially lower rates than full-service brokerage houses. For their part, full-service houses maintain that the personal relationship between their brokers and clients is a critical element and it remains to be seen how successful banks will become in offering discount brokerage, either through their own units or by utilizing independent discounters. While banks appear optimistic over their prospects, one critic of the continuing trend is Mr A Michael Lipper, president of Lipper Analytical Services. The entry of banks into the discount brokerage business is particularly disturbing for it will probably lead to weaker banks, he says. The only major portion of the securities industry revenues showing below-average growth is brokerage commissions. As pure commission houses, the banks, in the discount business, are likely to lose money over time. Ultimately, the banks and, possibly the public, will be hurt by their excursion into the brokerage field.

Comtech to demerge its Mnemos subsidiary

By Michael Clark

Combined Technology Corp, the non-oil interest of Tricentrol, is asking shareholders for \$5.2m and pressing ahead with arrangements to demerge its subsidiary, Mnemos and make it public. Mnemos has recently developed a sophisticated information storage and retrieval system which has attracted attention from some of Europe's multinationals. However, the development costs of the new system have been heavy, draining the parent of its vital reserves of cash. In a complicated deal Comtech is raising \$5.2m by way of a one-for-five rights issue at 42p. A further 12.5 million Comtech shares will be offered to shareholders. Comtech shareholders will have the chance to subscribe for 12.5 million shares in the new company on the basis of one-for-five at 65p. A further 3 million shares in Mnemos will be placed with institutions at 65p. Dealings in the new company capitalized at \$30m start on the USM on Monday. Comtech will maintain a 63 per cent stake in Mnemos and use the proceeds of its own fundraising to reduce borrowings and provide capital for further developments. Mnemos, in turn, will use its near \$10m further to develop its eSystem 6000 storage and retrieval system. Comtech has forecast pre-tax profits of not less than \$5.1m

Trusts press for more strict rules

Britain's £12,000m investment trust industry is pressing for stricter stock market disclosure rules to fend off secret accumulations of trust shares by potential predators, according to industry sources. The fund managers, who have complained to the Bank of England and the Council for the Securities Industry say worries centre particularly on trust shares built up in discretionary accounts for clients of merchant banks and similar concerns. Scottish trusts, under widespread bid and liquidation pressures, prompted the approach to the Bank of England by the Association of Investment Trust Companies last month. The bank then passed the complaint to the CSI, industry sources said. The trusts want merchant banks to reveal publicly when various discretionary accounts under a bank's management aggregate 15 per cent or more of a trust's shares. Mr John Hignett, CSI director general, was meeting yesterday a committee of the accepting houses, representing the merchant banks, to assess their known opposition to the 15 per cent proposal. Industry sources said the CSI should be in a position to redefine its so-called substantial acquisitions rule within a few weeks. Existing practice covering both investment trust and other calls for a full takeover bid if a purchaser, or several investors acting in concert, build up a stake of 30 per cent or more. Company legislation calls for disclosure when an investor acquires five per cent or more, but there is no obligation on a bank to reveal several individual stakes of, say, 4.9 per cent in accounts under its management. The sharply rising level of corporate activity among the investment trusts, ranging from hostile bids to defensive mergers and conversions into units trusts, reflect the industry's failure to improve its poor stock market image, analysts added. "In a sense we are at a crisis point," Mr Robin Angus, trust analyst with brokers Wood Mackenzie, commented. "Everyone is knocking the (non-specialized) trusts rights now, though the fund managers are actually beginning to get their act together."

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Hongkong Bank Group - sustained growth in 1982



Mr M G R Sandberg, CBE, Chairman

Highlights from Annual Report

- Group profits of HK\$2,357 million, up 11% over 1981
● Dividend of HK\$0.55 per share (1981: HK\$0.49 adjusted)
● Bonus issue of one for ten
● Marine Midland Banks, Inc reported net income of US\$86.9 million, up 7% over 1981
● The British Bank of the Middle East reported 45% profits increase to £20.6 million

- Hang Seng Bank Limited reported profits of HK\$713.7 million, up 20% over 1981
● Wardley Limited, our main merchant banking arm, recorded reduced profits but business remained at a high level
● Antony Gibbs Holdings Limited has returned to profitability and is making good progress
● Finance and investment companies reported good results in a difficult year
● Carlingford Insurance group made progress in a year of consolidation

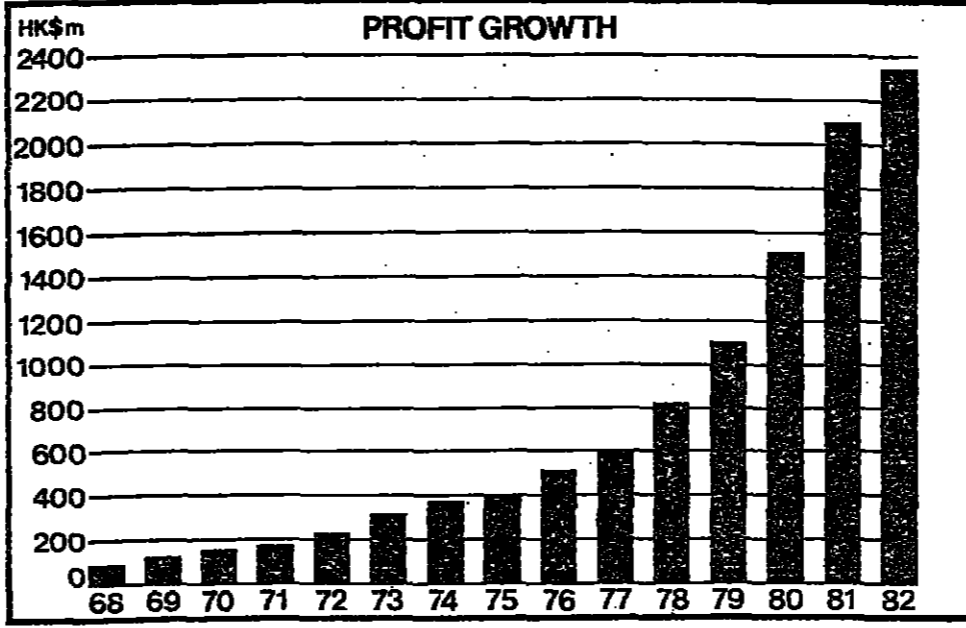
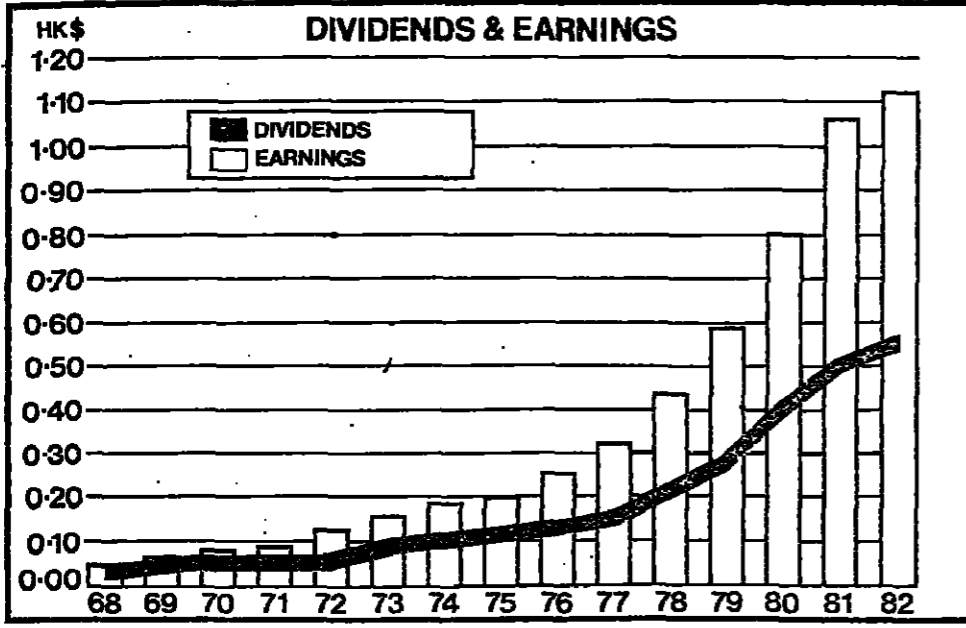


Table with 4 columns: 1982 Highlights, 1982, 1981, 1982. Rows include Total Assets, Issued Capital, Total Shareholders Funds, Group Profit, Transfers to Reserves, Total Distribution, Earnings per share, and Dividend per share.

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Tilbury lifts profits by 19pc

By Andrew Cornelius
Tilbury Group Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit £2.5m (£2.1m). Stated earnings 14.63p (13.63p). Turnover £44.5m (£47.3m). Net final dividend 3.5p making 5p (4.17p). Share price 139p up 4p. Yield 5.18. Dividend payable 23.6.83

Tilbury Group, the civil engineering and building company, increased pretax profits by 19 per cent to £2.5m in 1982, despite a near £3m decrease in turnover to £44.5m. The improved performance was achieved largely because Tilbury went for work which offered good profit margins during the recession. The board recommended a final dividend of 3.5p, making 5p for the year, against 4.17p in 1981. The present order book for construction work stands at £16m and includes a £7m contract with the Greater London Council to build 150 houses, a £4m road-building contract in Kent and a £1.5m contract for bridge-building work on the Ipswich by-pass. Mr Peter Maltman, finance director, said that he has detected some signs of a recovery in government spending, particularly on road and housing improvement schemes. Tilbury has three big improvement contracts, worth about £1m each, in London alone. Mr Maltman said the group had a strong balance sheet, with more than £2m in cash to buy a northern-based construction business with a turnover of £3m a year.

Warning on US budget stalemate

Washington (NYT) - President Reagan has been told that a continuing Congressional stalemate over his budget proposals could mean that the Administration's fiscal revolution and permanent economic recovery will be lost. The warning came from Mr David A. Stockman, director of the office of Management and Budget at a cabinet meeting on Monday. Administration officials said that President Reagan urged the President to redouble his efforts to reach an accommodation with Congress. But Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, is understood to have given different advice to the President. According to officials, Mr Weinberger argued that it would be better to let the process achieve an overall budget failure and instead veto or sign individual appropriations bills as the year progresses. No decision was taken by the cabinet on strategy.



Scottish Life Chairman's Statement

Extracts for Year Ending December 1982
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£6.2m of new life annual premiums, an increase of 25% over the total for 1981. New annual premiums for group schemes were up by 10%, for individual schemes by 7% and for self-employed arrangements by 91%. In group pensions business, single premiums increased by 76%, due largely to our 'buy-out' policy which is designed to provide the preserved benefits for employees who leaves his employer's service.

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It is to be regretted that the well-tried British practice of control by the exercise of the actuary's professional judgement has been replaced by inflexible rules about solvency margins. Unique inflexibility could restrict unreasonably the scope for earning bonuses.

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The Gower report on the protection of investors commented on the need to establish standards of competence for those engaged in selling life assurance. I confirm that we support the efforts which the industry is making in strengthening the code of practice and in other ways. The company's twin objectives are to ensure that our inspectors are fully trained and that our agents are capable of giving sound and informed advice to intending policyholders. Copies of the Annual Report are available from Head Office. Scottish Life 19 St Andrew Square Edinburgh EH2 1YE Telephone: 031-225 2211

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APPOINTMENTS

Regional chief at Midland

Mr Jacques de Mandat-Grancy has been appointed Latin American regional director at Midland Bank International in London.

Mr Michael Gibson has become deputy director, marketing, of Lloyds Bowker Finance Group. He was previously group marketing manager.

Dr R. R. Boxall has been appointed research and development director of Gallaher Tobacco.

Mr Peter Prier has joined the board of Holden Hydroman as a non-executive director.

Mr Mike Sprague has been appointed director of international operations for Nairn International, responsible for Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland and the US.

Mr David Claxton, managing director of Courage Take Home Trade, has joined the Courage Board.

Mr Peter Ballard has become company secretary of Henry Ansbacher Holdings.

Mr Senmas Cowley is to become underwriter for the C.I. Towers Marine Syndicate.

Mr David Jehu has joined Scripstar as director of operations and Mr C. Brian Williams becomes director of sales.

Sir Robert Douglas has resigned as chairman but remains a non-executive director of Rapid Metal Developments (Aust).

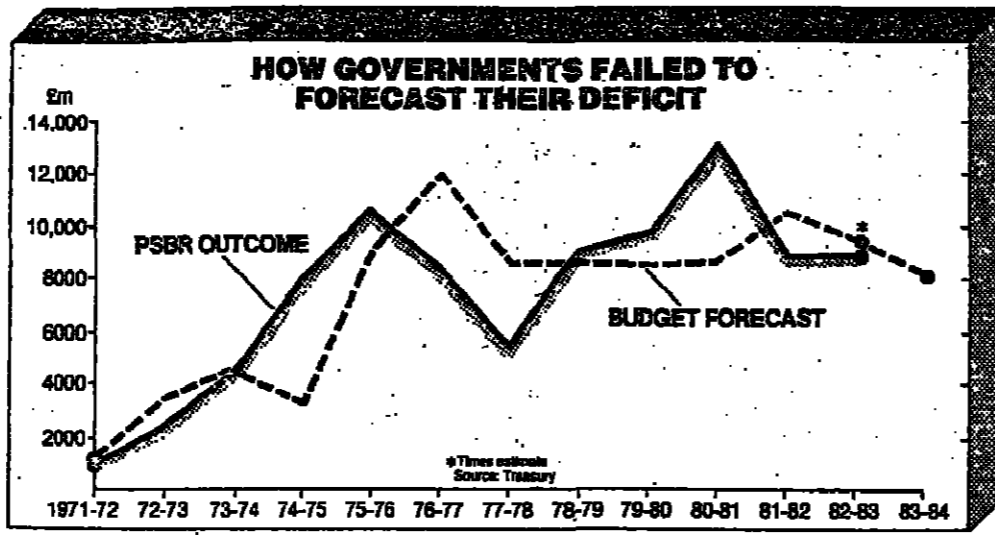
Mr D. J. Lemon, managing director, is appointed chairman. New non-executive directors are Mr J. R. T. Douglas, chairman and managing director of the Douglas Group, Mr R. J. Mierisch, managing director of A. W. Baulderstone, and Mr E. J. Cadman, managing director of Rapid Metal Developments.

Mr H. C. Everitt, joins the board of Rapid Metal Developments. Mr S. A. Seeliger joins the board of Douglas Environmental Engineering as director and general manager.

Mr R. J. Wilson has been appointed managing director of the Dacia Car Company. Mr Maynard Hamilton sales director of Gesteem Holdings.

Mr E. Q. Bashforth and Mr T. G. Robson have been appointed directors of Hickson and Welch.

Frances Williams on Treasury's surprise at spending spree



How public borrowing defies the art of forecasting

The chart has another interesting feature. Government forecasting errors clearly go in cycles, with two or three years of underprediction followed by two or three years of overprediction. After two years of forecasts higher than outcome has the Government been too optimistic for 1983-84?

The City consensus is that it has. The Budget forecast of £3,000m may be exceeded by as much as £2,000m, analysts

Only 40 per cent spending is amenable to strict control

Government departments managed, at the eleventh hour, to spend up to their permitted cash limits, in sharp contrast to Treasury expectations of a significant underspend. What the money was spent on we do not yet know. Redecorating the offices is a traditional play. Paying bills early another.

But this year's overall spending plans have been held down partly by inclusion of a £1,200m allowance for shortfall included, we are told, on the basis of experience with the cash limit system.

As Sir Douglas Wass told The Times last month a few days before he retired as head of the Treasury: "When you get a government which is very strict on its programme managers who overshoot, then you get persistent underspending."

That experience has been confounded. If, as some believe, the March figures are becoming cleverer at managing the cash limit system there may again be no shortfall in 1983-84.

This is all the more likely since inflation will be higher than the 5 per cent assumed when the spending plans were drawn up, putting upward pressure on programme costs.

In addition, the Government's critics say the contingency reserve, the smallest for some years at only £1,500m (of which £400m has already been allocated), may prove inadequate, forcing Whitehall to go over Budget to finance needed unforeseen expenditure.

Officials, not unnaturally, take a more robust view. They argue that much of the last-minute spending may simply have been brought forward, giving departments more leg-room this year. A rise in the inflation rate does not necessarily signify a similar rise in government costs. And the spending spurge, by its very nature, must have gone on one-off projects rather than to finance longer-term commitments with carryover implications for the present year.

At worst, they say, spending can exceed plans only by the amount allowed for shortfall, because cash limits cannot be exceeded without the Treasury's say-so.

Claiming that previous years' contingency reserves were unnecessarily high, officials say simply that if in the event there are not enough funds left in the kitty requests for extra spending will not be turned down. In an

Evidence points to overshoot of borrowing forecast

Spending taxes can be changed quickly, but not those on incomes; public programmes can be delayed but rarely stopped in mid-year. The problems of predicting the PSBR, and the Government's inability to target it accurately, inevitably prompt criticism that it is an unsuitable policy objective. But the Government sees no inconsistency between its desire to reduce borrowing over the longer term and year-to-year fluctuations.

Financial tables including 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds' and 'Insurance Bonds and Funds'. The tables list various financial instruments, their values, and other relevant data.

Cry for shipyard jobs lifebuoy

The traditional "sunset" industries are a pain in the neck for Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Industry Secretary. However much he tries to brush them under the carpet in favour of the glamorous "sunrise" sectors of high technology, they persist in creeping back into the public consciousness with embarrassing reminders that they are big employers and often need huge amounts of public cash.

Yesterday produced a prime example. Across the table at the Department of Industry's headquarters in London's Victoria Street sat Sir Robert Atkinson, outgoing chairman of British Shipbuilders, who made no excuses for demanding that his stricken industry be designated a special case.

Mr Jenkin and Mr Norman Lamont, his shipping minister, have little choice but to accede if they want to avoid another round of redundancies in the yards that could reach 9,000 on top of the 3,000 already announced this year.

In an election year Mr Jenkin really afford to see more communitarian, admittedly not in Tory strongholds, devastated and the country's dependence on the industrial "chessboard" for that, in essence, is Sir Robert's message.

He has asked for a package of emergency measures to tide over his industry until new orders begin to flow again. These proposals are temporary and designed to avert the present crisis which is hitting shipbuilding throughout the world.

The Government has already pumped more than £600m into shipbuilding since it came into office and recently increased the corporation's external financing limit from £122m this year to £160m for 1983-84. The Shipbuilding Intervention Fund, introduced in 1977 to bridge the gap between British and Far East prices, now totals £355m.

But with British shipyards running out of orders (apart from the profitable warship yards), at an alarming rate, the money clearly is not being well spent, Sir Robert, due to be replaced in September by

£20,000-a-year Mr J. Graham Dry, has £40m of Intervention Fund money to play with this year, but so far has managed to use only £13m. The problem is that yards in countries like South Korea are satisfying their masters' hunger for foreign exchange by quoting prices on new ships that are unbeatable, even in Japan, and subsidies such as those provided by Britain's Intervention Fund are at best inadequate.

Dumping by Far Eastern shipyards becomes even more inevitable at a time of world recession. Last year, new shipbuilding orders fell by almost 50 per cent, says the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The answer for Britain is not to pour money into the shipyards of the world, but to find a way to make the country's shipyards more competitive, but realistic rates for British yards.

The Government should take a leaf out of the Japanese book and give "special protection" to the shipyards of some of the country's shipyards, but in measures that will ensure work at competitive, but realistic rates for British yards.

This is the sort of emergency measure for which Sir Robert is trying to gain approval from Mr Jenkin. Without a positive decision by the Government to grant special credit arrangements to domestic ship owners and to fund other actions such as the mothballing of yards until better times arrive and the payment of more attractive redundancy money, Sir Robert - and later, Mr Day - will have difficulty in persuading the remnants of the country's shipbuilding workforce to accept a pay freeze and exhortations to improve productivity.

At the Govan yard on the Clyde, where there are new orders, the mood of shipbuilding workers throughout the country was summed up last week by a shop steward who dismissed as futile any move to begin a strike against further cuts. The battle, he warned, was against the Government.

Edward Townsend

MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Equities on the retreat

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, April 11. Dealings end, April 22. Contango Day, April 25. Settlement Day, May 3.

In the event, the FT Index ended at its low point for the day down 9.8 at 685.2, wiping out an earlier gain of 1.6. Last night dealers were becoming increasingly sceptical that the index would achieve its goal this week with only three days of the current account left to run.

With shares of London Brick hovering just short of the year's high the institutions appear to have decided to take profits. Yesterday several large lines of stock went through the market in excess of half a million shares. The price closed 5 1/2p lower at 152.

Gilts encountered nervous selling with falls of up to 1/2p at the longer end of the market prompted by the loss of 1 cent for the pound on the foreign exchange to end the day at

\$1,5520. The Government broker is believed still to have ample supplies of the new 'zap' with less than half of the £1,000m of stock taken up when dealings started last week.

On the bid front, shares of Maritex jumped 4p to 62p on the news that Canada Northwest had made an offer by tender for the oil exploration group with interests in the Humby Grove consortium in Hampshire. CN had already bought 4 million shares from Mr Andrew Fish, director of Maritex, amounting to 14.8 per cent of the equity at an undisclosed sum.

Mr Fish has also given the group a voting trust on his remaining 2 million shares for 18 months.

At last night's close, Maritex were valued at £16.7m. Humphries Holdings, the film developers and printers of cinema films, have received an approach from Technicolor, the

US filmpgroup and are now involved in talks to decide on a price. Last night, Humphries closed 17p dearer at 50p valuing it at just under £4 million. BET with 75.37 per cent of the shares, and presently bidding for the minority shares in Rediffusion, 7p lower at 238p.

Shares of Blackwood Hedge, the construction equipment sales company, fell by 4p to 20p after a delay in releasing preliminary figures for 1982. Sir William Shapland, chairman, said that the delay is due to technical problems associated with auditing the results which he now expects to publish on Friday.

Bellair Cosmetics continued to fluctuate wildly as investors awaited news of the talks which may lead to a bid. After dipping as low as 50p the shares ended the day 2p higher at 62p. Shares of Mills & Allen International rose 39p to 400p

after news that Providence Capital Life Assurance had sold its stake of 3.5 million shares. Brokers Laurie Millbank and Rowe & Pitman sold the shares in the market 384p. PCLA has also sold 701,000 shares in MAI and paid following the recent rights issue and 774,000 oil paid shares in Sime Darby London. Both parcels of shares were sold at the 95p level. But PCLA still own 3.8 million shares in Sime amounting to 9.8 per cent of the equity.

Meanwhile, shares of Lovlin made a successful start to dealings on the Unlisted Securities Market. The price opened at 113p compared with a placing price of 80p.

Also due to make a start in dealing on the USM on Monday are shares of Spring Ram, the bathroom and home improvement specialists. County Bank has arranged for a placing 2.2 million shares at 105p a share representing 21.47 per cent of the equity. This capitalises the equity, headed by Mr Bill Rooney, former chief of Hygiene fitted kitchens, at £11m and makes them one of the top dozen companies quoted on the USM. Dealings are expected to open at between 135p and 150p.

RECENT ISSUES

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THE TIMES 1000 1982/1983 The World's Top Companies. The top 1000 UK companies with an alphabetical index.

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INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Sally White

Bumper dividend from the Bank of Scotland

Bank of Scotland Year to 28.2.83 Pretax profit 245.4m (£27.4m) Stated earnings 117.9p (123.9p) Net final dividend 13.5p, making 24p (21p) Share price 484p, up 25p Yield 7.1% Dividend payable 6.6.83

Compared with the London clearing banks, Bank of Scotland has turned in a very solid performance in the year to the end of February. While three of the big four reported stable falls in profits for 1982, Bank of Scotland has come through 1982-83 with profits only 11m lower at £46.4m, helped by a particularly resilient performance in the second half.

Where it has excelled the London clearers is in the size of the dividend rise. After increasing the interim by only 5 per cent, Bank of Scotland has bumped up the final by 23 per cent to leave the year's payout a full 14 per cent up at 24p net.

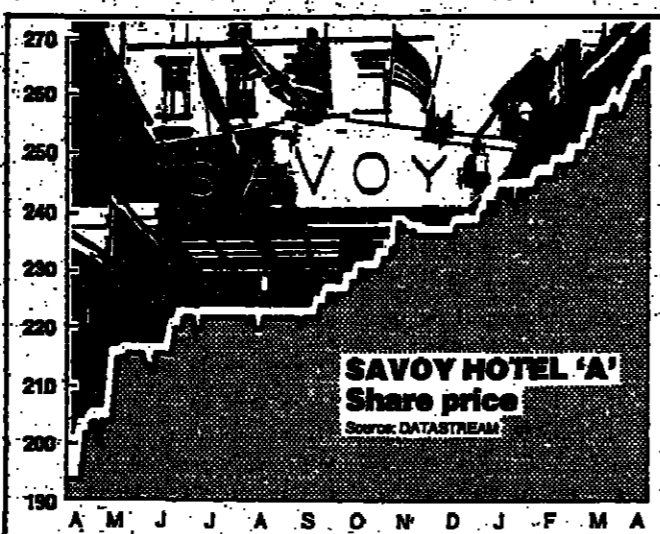
Lincoln Bank, boosted profits by £800,000 to £4.8m and the Bank of Scotland itself was fractionally ahead at £32.3m

Group had debt provisions were nevertheless up from £15.4m to £27.1m but with costs under reasonable control - staff costs were 10.4 per cent up - and healthy volumes reflected in a 31 per cent gain in sterling lending, the bank has managed to turn in unchanged profits with the help of £1.5m of gilt profits.

Hambro Life

Hambro Life Assurance Year to 31.12.82 Actual surplus £19.5m (£15.7m) Transferred to £15.8m (£15.1m) Net final dividend 9.375p mkg 13.4p (11.52p) Share price 574p up 25p Yield 5.3% Dividend payable 23.5.83

Hambro Life shares have been making up lost ground in recent weeks, having been the worst performer in the sector.



Savoy Hotel

The Savoy Hotel Year to 31.12.1982 Pretax profit £1.8m (£504,000 loss) Turnover £37m (£33.9m) Share price 266p Yield 0.75 per cent

Results of the Savoy Hotel group exceeded market expectations to the extent that the share price rose 2p to 266p; the outcome was a pretax profit of £1.8m against a general expectation of £1.7m or thereabouts.

The improved figure puts the Savoy on a dividend yield of 0.75 per cent and a fully-taxed price earnings ratio of 90.

siderable turnaround from last year's pre-tax loss of £606,000. But the Savoy is not an investment stock: it is a takeover prospect.

The potential predators, Trust House Forte, can point out that £1m of the turnaround is due to lower interest charges as a result of asset sales. The potential defenders - Sir Hugh Wommer and the others who control the company through its highly differential voting structure - can point to a £1.4m improvement in trading.

This is a gamble, not an investment. The market is quite clear in its assessment: it believes the Forte camp will win.

Combined English Stores Group

Combined English Stores Group Year to 29.1.83 Pretax profit £1.75m (£2.66m) Stated earnings 1.64p (3.62p) Turnover £102.7m (£96.7m) Net final dividend 0.33p (1.66p) mkg 1.82p (3.15p) Share price 51p Yield 6.3%

Combined English Stores Group announced slightly better profits than expected for last year. But there is a savage cut in the dividend that has come rather late in the day, just as the group is talking of recovering from recession. That seems to indicate too high a level of payout in the past.

The source of the profits drop is the Fenton Menswear shops, which lost £1.7m at the trading level. Since the year end, there has been a turnaround because of reorganization in this section. The Fenton menswear shops have been given a new, more casual image. But to clear merchandise, a lot was sold at reduced margins. The recovery

coming through after the reorganization can be seen by the slower rate of loss, as the half-year figure was £1.5m.

Losses resulting from the reorganization have been taken above the line. Combined English Stores says that the recession is still making trading difficult, but it is seeing some improvement in economic conditions. It is sure there will be a good improvement this year.

There were profits of £1.34m last year from property disposals. There are hopes that pretax this year could touch £4m, in which case there could be some improvement, although not restoration, in the dividend. But the market is still cautious about the Fenton reorganization.

Honda Motor's 5 per cent dividend rise, at 10.5 yen, and jump in profits of nearly a third reflect mainly the strength of its power product sales. But the 1.7 per cent rise in motor cycle sales, to 3.75m, and a 7.7 per cent rise in the number of cars sold, at 1.12m, are an impressive performance in recession.

Hepworth presses bid

Over the heads of the opposing board, Hepworth Ceramic Holdings has sent out its formal offer for Steedley. Hepworth's chairman, Mr Peter Goodall, puts forward some strong arguments why Steedley shareholders should accept the bid.

by 10.4 per cent while Steedley's have fallen by 48.7 per cent. Over the same period, Hepworth's earnings per ordinary share have decreased by 3.1 per cent, Steedley's by 71.6 per cent. Based on the dividends of the two groups proposed for 1982, the ordinary offer would provide accepting shareholders with a significant increase in income, he adds.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

Table with columns for company name, price, change, and other financial metrics. Includes companies like Ass Brit Ind Cnd, Ainspurg Group, Armington & Rhodes, etc.

But the market has now regained confidence that the group is pulling in new business at a satisfactory rate. The new adaptable life plan, which was introduced to replace the whole life plan in January, has been well received, and the unit trust sales have now well ahead of the corresponding period of last year.

business growth of just 6 per cent had caused concern. But new salesmen are being taken on, and the present team has stepped up its performance. Hambro says there is now a strong underlying growth trend in sales.

The shadow over share price, the placing of a large chunk of the stake held by Hambro merchant bank, is now out of the way. So given the growth in business and the market confidence in management, Hambro

add to the unit trust sales. Hambro is also working on new services, including entering the expatriate market.

COMMODITIES

Large table of commodity prices including LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, COFFEE, SOYABEAN MEAL, INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES, etc.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Harrison Cowley (Holdings) Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £258,000 (£220,000) Stated earnings, 5.1p (4.9p) Turnover, £17.64m (£18.01m) Net dividend, 4.2p (3.85p)

John Crowther Group Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £46,000 (£270,000 loss) Stated earnings, 1.1p (loss 7.9p) Turnover, £5.81m (£3.86m) Net dividend, nil (nil)

Webster Group Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £1.48m (£1.32m) Stated earnings, 7.86p (7.14p) Turnover, £40.3m (£37.43m) Net dividend, 2.7p (2.5p)

Cassini Property Group Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £1.3m (£1.25m) Stated earnings, 14.84p (15.61p) Turnover, £5.85m (£5.29m) Net dividend, 5.1p (2.9p)

Tilbury Group Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £2.5m (£2.17m) Stated earnings, 14.83p (13.63p) Turnover, £44.51m (£47.32m) Net dividend, 5.0p (4.17p)

Bouthead Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £452,000 (£1.42m) Stated earnings (loss) 0.5p (profit 1.32p) Turnover, £46.5m (£44.44m) Net dividend, 1.25p (1.25p)

Base Lending Rates ABN Bank 10% Barclays 10% BCCI 10% Consolidated Cnts 10% C. Hoare & Co 10% Lloyds Bank 10% Midland Bank 10% Nat Westminster 10% TSB 10% Williams & Glyn's 10%

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THE EDINBURGH INVESTMENT TRUST

Preliminary statement for the year ended 31 March, 1983 (Unaudited)

- The net asset value per ordinary share rose from 71.7p, to 109.3p during the year to 31 March, 1983, adjusted for the one-for-ten scrip issue in November, 1982. This is an increase of 52% and compares with a rise of 26% in the FT Actuarial All Share Index.
- The ordinary share price adjusted for the scrip issue rose 4.2% in the year to 31 March, 1983.
- The Directors have declared a second interim dividend, in lieu of a final, of 1.30p payable 17 June, 1983 to shareholders on the register on 19 May, 1983. This makes a total dividend for the year of 2.18p (1982 - 1.98p), an increase of 10%. The Directors do not recommend any further dividend for the year.

The geographical analysis of the equity portfolio at 31 March, 1983: North America 57% United Kingdom 38% Far East 7% Europe 2% Other Areas 2%

Robson backs experience and loyalty to upset Hungarians once again

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent
The outcome of England's match against Hungary in the European Championship...



Wilkins, old hand who is young at heart.

Two famous clubs with a single aim

A quick look at the European Cup roll of honour reveals the absence of two outstanding clubs - Hamburg and Juventus...

Germans find a 'new Mueller'

Dieter Schatzschneider is a second division centre-forward who admits he cannot head a ball...

Smee to outbid Maxwell

Roger Smee, the former Reading player, claims he now has enough money to outbid Robert Maxwell...

No aid for struggling Wigan

Wigan Athletic, the financially troubled third division club, are unlikely to get help from the local council...

Logie century stretches West Indian lead

Venkatraghavan removed Lloyd only three minutes after he had reached his 50, having him caught at short leg...

Shene gets a factory Suzuki for Monza race

Berry Shene is to have a factory prepared Suzuki engine and join the factory-backed HB-Suzuki team for Sunday's Italian Grand Prix at Monza...

Billiards champion puts the screws on Griffiths

Terry Griffiths made hard work of his first round match in the world professional snooker championship...

Hardie to drop action against Brown

Gordon Brown, the former Scotland and British Lions forward, who recently published his autobiography...

Table with 2 columns: Fixture, Result. Includes European Cup, UEFA Cup, and various league matches.

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A marathon record that seems likely to run and run

Boston (Agency) - The new women's world best time of 2hr 22min 42sec set in Monday's Boston Marathon by an American, Joan Benoit...



Upstaged by the leading lady: Meyer (right) wins in Boston but Miss Benoit is the star.

Stars on horizon

The significance of people's marathons, and the attraction of Olympic gold medal winners and world record-holders in a family sport...

Cutter a surprise choice

David Cutter, a 21-year-old Durham University student, is the most surprising inclusion in the Welsh squad to play two internationals against the Netherlands at Swansea this weekend...

Last night's results

Table with 2 columns: Division, Result. Lists football results from various leagues.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with 2 columns: Event, Result. Lists various sports records and events.

RACING

Shanipour can measure up to a tall reputation

By Michael Seely
Both flat racing and jumping are trying for today's headlines. Cheltenham features the Anglo-Irish jockeys challenge match, sponsored by Courage. And if the go-ahead is given after a 7.30 inspection at Epsom, where racing was called off yesterday, our top trainers will be testing each other's classic defences in the Warren Stakes, run over the Derby course and distance.

Forbidden Fruit is sweet for Eton boy

Point-to-point, by Ian Reid
Giles Smyly, a 16-year-old Eton schoolboy who won the Haywards Challenge Hunt race a week ago on his first ride, Forbidden Fruit, returned to win the Novice Riders' Open on the same horse at the Hunt's second meeting yesterday.

Mottram makes the day notable

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent
The Stars Express Classic, one of five British tournaments on the men's grand prix circuit coordinated with the help of Volvo's bank account, slipped into first gear yesterday with a series of matches featuring winners like Wally Masur and losers like Alberto Tommasini.



Gimenez: a look of anxiety as defeat looms large yesterday.

assumption one of yesterday's most interesting results was Christopher Mottram's 6-2, 6-1 win over Angel Gimenez, who won the tournament in 1980, was runner-up last year, but was in the draw this time only as a wildcard, which is to say that the organizers, rather than his world ranking, decided he deserved to compete.

Epsom

Draw advantage: Low numbers best.
[Television (ITV) 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40.]
Tota: Double 3.10, 4.10. Treble 2.35 3.40, 4.45.

Cheltenham NH

Total: double 3.5, 4.25. Treble: 2.30, 4.30, 5.0
[Television (BBC1) 2.30, 3.5 and 4.40 races]
2.0 CHARLES TURNER HUNTERS CHASE (amateurs: 21.05) 3m (21 runners)

3.40 HAPPY EATER HURDLE

(handicap: £3,250: 3m)
9-10 OSCAR WILDE F White 9-11-18 G Grant
9-11 ROADSTER P Bailey 7-11-4 S Sandhu
9-12 FARRER (2) R Bailey 7-11-4 S Sandhu

Stomach pains force Lloyd out

Las Vegas (Reuters) — John Lloyd, of Britain, was taken to hospital yesterday for tests and observation after suffering stomach pains before he was to play in a \$400,000 tournament here. Lloyd was told to remain in hospital for more tests and observation before he was to play.

3.10 CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP

2.01 22481-0 CANNON KING (C) (P) J. Dunlop 7-9-10 W Carson 11
2.02 11823-0 FREE PRESS (C) (Mrs J. McDowell) J. Bolding 4-8-6 P. Eddery 1
3.06 11823-0 FREE PRESS (C) (Mrs J. McDowell) J. Bolding 4-8-6 P. Eddery 1

2.30 COURAGE DIRECTORS HURDLE

(handicap: £3,250: 2m)
9-11 2131 GREAT HERO (C) F. W. Foley 9-11-12 B. Barry
9-12 2027 GREAT LIGHT J. J. J. 9-11-10 S. Smith 9-11-10
9-12 2027 GREAT LIGHT J. J. J. 9-11-10 S. Smith 9-11-10

4.25 HOPMASTER LAGER HURDLE

(handicap: £2,275: 2m 4f)
9-11 1140 AMBASSANCE (C) P. Bailey 11-10 R. Strange 4
9-12 1121 RAJINIM (C) J. G. Clark 9-11-12 P. Barton
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan's peer at Wembley
By Keith Macklin
Lord Gorey, a rugby league supporter from boyhood and a lifelong supporter of Wigan, will attend the match at Wembley when Wigan meets St. Helens on May 7.

EQUESTRIANISM

Big threat from the Americans
By Jenny MacArthur
There are five British riders competing in the final of the FEI Volvo World Cup Holland in Amsterdam, which starts with the preliminary round today.

HOCKEY

England on target for lively win
From Joyce Whitehead, Kuala Lumpur
After the disappointment of failing to qualify for the semi-final round of the World Cup England in the earlier games, Great Britain and the United States beat New Zealand 2-1, scoring the winner from the short corner in the last minute.

4.10 HYDE PARK STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,604: 5f) (4)
5-1 1279 SHOW CARD (C) (E. H. Holdings) G. Lewis 9-9 M. Waldron 3
5-2 1279 SHOW CARD (C) (E. H. Holdings) G. Lewis 9-9 M. Waldron 3

4.15 DANBY HANDICAP (Selling: 2577: 1m) (15)
2-0 8892 HOPSTONE R Hobson 7-9-2 G. Lewis 3
2-1 8892 HOPSTONE R Hobson 7-9-2 G. Lewis 3

3.15 LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY STAKES (amateurs: £1,636: 1m) (25)
2-0 8140 BURLINGTON Lad J. P. 4-11-10 M. P. P. 4
2-1 8140 BURLINGTON Lad J. P. 4-11-10 M. P. P. 4

England in fixture clash

By Sydney Friskin
An unfortunate clash of interest has forced England to withdraw from the senior home countries tournament at Aberystwyth on July 9 and 10. The England under-21 side will be in Portugal for a European junior championship qualifying tournament from July 17 to 19 at a venue near Lisbon.

Wolverhampton results

2.0 2.05 CYCLAMEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,384: 1m 110yds) (13)
6-1 601 CORBYN (Mrs A. King) J. Dunlop 8-11 W Carson 13
6-2 601 CORBYN (Mrs A. King) J. Dunlop 8-11 W Carson 13

Ripon

2.45 GREWELTHORPE STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,800: 5f) (11 runners)
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CRICKET: LOOKING FOR THE NEW SEASON'S GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW

Failure's fruit has the seeds of tomorrow's improvements

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

A combination of one of the most successful Aprils for a long time has caused the postponement of the start of the first-class cricket season. ... What has happened, many must have wondered, is to the basic principles of batting. How is it that they have become so neglected? ... Where it seems to me the emphasis is wrong is later on, when time that should be given to batting and stretching is spent, instead, on a type of fitness more suited to wicketless 15 three-minute rounds at the Albert Hall than 15 six-ball tests from Dawson and Lille on the way to making 150 against Australia at Lord's.



Covans and Dilley: a pair that could yet match the best.

Getting a significant acquisition could be Holding, who has signed for Derbyshire. ... Though disappointed last September not to be on the plane to Australia, Dilley may have been better off in South Africa, where he worked hard to get his rhythm back. ... England continue the search for opening batsmen with the three best of them, Gooch, Boycott and Larkins, all in baulk. Fowler was injured in Australia when he was beginning to show just sufficient improvement to be kept in mind.

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Bugner could silence the man of few words

By Alan Hubbard

Danny Sutton, a former South Carolina farm boy, seems unlikely to stretch either the repertoire or reputation of Joe Bugner in their rounds: heavyweight bout at the Alexandra Pavilion tonight. ... An indication of how hard it has become to find suitable heavyweight opposition in Europe is that the Swedish prospect Anders Edlund is without a foe for his anticipated British debut. ... Errol Christie, the unbeaten Coventry middleweight, will have his fourth professional contest against the American Sam Leonard Litcham, the Strevings Leisure Centre tomorrow.

Trainer's theory

New York (Reuter) - As boxers tend to beat fighters the second time around, according to Emanuel Steward, Milton McCrory's trainer, he is confident of victory for his man whenever the rematch with Colin Jones of Britain for the vacant World Boxing Council heavyweight title is staged. ... The result of Sutton's rumination on the subject of Shavers, which took place on the carrier USS Yorktown, anchored in Charleston harbor, is still being debated in the courts. ... The American equivalent of the WPGA, the Ladies Professional Golf Association, had hoped to recruit Mrs Ingher this season, but against all expectations, she failed to win her players' card at the last qualifying competition in January.

US champion in move to join Britain's women

The Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA) has announced in advance that the top 15 players (and ties) would qualify, together with any other players who received a 76 or better during the competition. ... The first event of the WPGA calendar, the Ford tournament at Woburn from May 4-7, is also the richest, with a prize fund of £20,000.

On the attack and then defeated

By John Wilcockson

Britain's home-based professionals marked their return to international stage racing with an impressive show of attacking in the first half of the Sealink Race, on the Isle of Wight yesterday. ... They gained 35pc, but a concerted chase, led by the professionals, forced them to give up their belated lead in the shadow of the Carisbrooke castle, with 40 kilometres remaining. ... At Ryde, just as the Dutchman was about to be caught, Doyle stopped with a punctured rear tyre. ... With the lead at 20sec, Welkema attacked on a short hill, and Thomas departed from the rear. ... The LGPA had announced in advance that the top 15 players (and ties) would qualify, together with any other players who received a 76 or better during the competition.

County president's 50 years with Northants

Dennis Brookes, the president of Northamptonshire County Cricket Club, celebrated a golden jubilee yesterday. ... He came on a month's trial, a trainer's son born at Kippax in Yorkshire, and was engaged not only as a player but also to help in the office after completing a commercial course in Leeds. ... He played once for England, Northamptonshire side who, at that time were very much the underdogs of the county championship.

Sri Lankans hang on to foil Australians

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Leicester not to risk Dodge

Leicester, already without Dusty Hare, who is unavailable for the John Player Rugby Union Cup final against Bristol on Saturday week, will not risk his England colleague, Paul Dodge, in Saturday's club game at Leicester. ... Dodge, who has been out for a fortnight with hamstring trouble, is keen to play, but the captain Steve Johnson, said: "Paul is far too important a player to risk in a match before the final if there's a chance that the injury has not properly healed. ... BASKETBALL: New caps, Coral Park. ... CLAPHAM - City to share home game.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

A collection of small advertisements and notices under the heading 'PERSONAL COLUMNS'. Includes sections for 'U.K. HOLIDAYS', 'FLAT SHARING', 'BARNES SW12', 'METHUEN', 'NEAR DARTMOUTH', 'SHORT LETS', 'MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS', 'LAND FOR SALE', 'MOTOR CARS', 'ROLLS ROYCE/BENTLEY', and 'SITUATIONS WANTED'.

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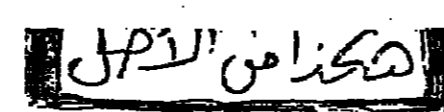
Proper assessment of land deals tax

Yull v Fletcher (Inspector of Taxes) [1983] AC 101. The contracts provided for part-payment of the agreed purchase price. ... An appeal by Mr Yull against an assessment on him to income tax for 1973-74 of £1,129,800 that was made on the basis that the capital gain accruing to the Guinness company on the sale of the land fell to tax in that year as being his income by virtue of section 488(3) and (4) of the 1970 Act was allowed by the House of Lords. ... The Revenue subsequently made a further assessment to income tax on Mr Yull relating to the years 1976 to 1980 inclusive, being the years in which the outstanding instalments of the purchase price were paid to the two companies.

Mr Leolin Price, QC, and Mr C. W. Koenigsberger for Mr Yull; Mr Charles Fox QC and Mr Christopher McCall for the Crown. MR JUSTICE WALTON said that section 488 had been construed to prevent tax avoidance by persons concerned in land or the development of land. Subsection (3) provided that the section applied the whole of any gain for all the purposes of the tax Acts as being income which arises when the gain is realized, and which constitutes profits or gains chargeable to tax under Case VI of Schedule D for the chargeable period in which the gain is realized. ... The earlier decision of the House of Lords dealt with the Crown's attempt to claim tax on the gain under section 488 in relation to 1973-74, the year in which the contracts of sale were made. ... Indeed all of their Lordships made it clear that a "gain was realized" for section 488 purposes only when it could be effectively enjoyed and disposed of. ... It followed that the proper method of assessment to tax was that which the Revenue had, albeit belatedly, now adopted. The appeal was dismissed.

Experienced judges still err in summing up over custody

Regina v Quinn. In summing up on the standard of proof in a custody case, the judge said that the accused's guilt was not a matter of fact, but a matter of law. ... His Lordship said that this was a case where the evidence of prosecution witnesses, who said that the applicant had struck another man, was challenged. ... This trial judge, in relation to the prosecution witnesses' account of the incident, said that the jury should consider what "it sounds to you as if you were listening to the words" was putting in another man's mouth, was challenged. ... The judge's further direction not to convict "if you think the prosecution case too incredible for words" was putting in another man's mouth, was challenged. ... Hopeless appeals over custody. M v M. Lord Justice Dunn sitting in the Court of Appeal with Lord Justice Purchas on April 18, after dismissing a father's custody appeal in which both parties were legally aided, said that such appeals against the exercise of judicial discretion were to all intents and purposes always hopeless. ... In WEA Records Ltd v Weston Channel 4 Ltd and Others (The Times April 18, 1983) Mr Mark Potter, QC and Mr John Baldwin said in a joint note that neither of them appeared before Mr Justice Maryna Davies on the original ex parte application.



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The Queen smiles in acknowledgement of the cheers of her guards after inspecting the Queen's Company of the First Battalion of the Grenadier Guards at Windsor Castle

Reagan agrees silo bases for 100 MX missiles

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington
President Reagan yesterday publicly endorsed a proposal for the deployment of 100 MX intercontinental ballistic missiles in existing Minuteman silos...

Addressing members of Congress at the White House he said the commission's recommendations, which also included stepped-up research and development into ways of hardening silos, would "preserve stable deterrence and this protect the peace".

British cash 'to update US mills'

Continued from page 1
A union spokesman said yesterday that it was not yet prepared to comment specifically on Mr Roderick's testimony...

TV-am dismisses Ford and Rippon

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It is no secret that the company is in financial trouble. Last week two backers wrote off their financial investments in the firm.



Angela Rippon: Left the studios without talking.

Frank Johnson in the Commons Thatcher stricken with election fever

Mrs Thatcher had an attack of election fever in the Commons yesterday, the mystery disease which has had massive publicity for weeks and which can cause the premature death of entire governments.

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